

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

June 19, 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. Lauermann, Mr. Laurella, Mr. Stanzione, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Spatola.

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. Stanzione to accept and file the Departmental Reports. The Committee Approved.

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2013-5 Second Reading And Public Hearing Of an Ordinance Appropriating the Sum of \$10,000.00 From The Capital Improvement Fund Of Deerfield Township For The Purchase Of Fire Gear.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2013-5. Roll Call Vote.

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

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2013-5. Roll Call Vote.

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

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to adopt Ordinance #2013-5. Roll Call Vote.

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

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-106 Resolution Authorizing the Exclusion Of The Public From A Meeting Of The Township Committee To Be Held On June 19, 2013.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to adopt Resolution #13-106. 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. Spatola stated it was quite enlightening to see the Church In A Day project come up the way it did, he believes the Committee was out at one point or another during the day to witness it. Mr. Spatola indicated it was up extraordinarily fast under extraordinarily poor conditions but they did fight through it all and showed a lot of team work. Mr. Spatola stated Jerlyn Goff, Construction Official handled everything very well and the build went smoothly, he wishes them a lot of luck with the new church.

Mr. Montgomery stated he met with Comcast on Monday, and viewed everything that was going to happen in the building, the voice mail is set up for everyone in the building. Mr. Montgomery stated on Monday everything would be done as far as internet and phone system.

Mr. Montgomery stated he spoke to someone from Direct Connect regarding the lighting system in the building, so he is going to look into fixing that problem as well as putting sensors in the hallway where they really wanted them, and also lighting in the fire house.

A conversation regarding the lights and the Carmel Fire House was held among the Committee.

Mr. Spatola asked Mr. Stanzione how the issue with the roof on the stage in the park was coming along. Mr. Stanzione stated he still had to speak to the person, and he is interested so it may help the Township a bit. Mr. Montgomery stated if not the Recreation Committee would have to go into their trust to get the roof taken care of and that will put them and the Township in a bind.

Mr. Montgomery stated he spoke to the Recreation Committee about redoing the fence and the panel in the park. Mr. Montgomery stated their recommendation was to put that on hold until they know what is going on with the roof over the stage, because they were in no position to put money out at this time.

Mr. Laurella indicated that Mr. Lauermann had stated that the panel box on Morgan Street was in bad shape. Mr. Lauermann stated what is going to happen is that the Township will run into problems because the panels are subjected to the weather, they are in bad shape.

A discussion regarding the panel box, and the lights on Morgan Street at Lobiondo Park was held among the Committee.

Mr. Lauermann stated that the ambient light levels in the office, because the motion sensors face the windows, makes it an issue. Mr. Lauermann explained what the process usually is for the ambient lighting in a building such as ours.

A discussion regarding the ambient lighting was held among the Committee.

Mr. Lauermann stated that he spoke to Ron Sutton regarding the Animal Control services and he was a little upset with the fact that the Township was going with someone else. Mr. Lauermann indicated that Mr. Sutton was willing to provide the Township with services per animal as opposed to a flat monthly fee. Mr. Lauermann stated that Mr. Sutton would be able to provide the Township a lower fee for sheltering then they would pay with the SPCA. Mr. Lauermann reiterated that Mr. Sutton would be willing to work with the Township to try and retain services for sheltering the animals.

A discussion regarding animal services and the contract held between Mr. Sutton and the Township was held among the Committee.

A discussion regarding the Durango and making it accessible to transport animals was held among the Committee.

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Letter To Freeholders Concerning Bridgeton And Vineland Avenues And Morton Avenue Bridge.

Mr. Spatola stated he attended a Mayor's round table with the Freeholders last week, Mr. Olbrich from the County was at the meeting and his presentation included all of the proposed road ways in Cumberland County that are getting resurfaced, another list of roadways that are getting restriped. Mr. Spatola indicated after the meeting he spoke to Mr. Olbrich because in reviewing the list he realized there were only two roads, which had been on two other lists already, and now they are off of both lists.

Mr. Spatola explained why these roads were on both lists and how these lists came about.

Mr. Spatola asked Mr. Olbrich why the roads were off the lists, and his response was that Verizon had poles that hadn't been taken down. Mr. Spatola indicated that, that information was not true. Mr. Spatola stated that Ms. Seifrit put together a letter for the Committee, which Mr. Spatola hoped everyone had a chance to look at, which was a very aggressive letter stating the road work that needs to be done in Deerfield Township.

A discussion regarding the County and its hold up regarding fixing Deerfield Township roads was held among the Committee.

Mr. Lauermann asked if the work that was done on Greenman and Shiloh Avenues was paid for already. Ms. Seifrit stated that it was not paid for yet. Mr. Lauermann indicated there were asphalt issues over there. Mr. Montgomery stated that it wasn't done, he had to finish the asphalt, also that asphalt was going to be put in the corner to create somewhat of a curve to direct the water to the center of the small retention pond.

A discussion regarding the roadways and drainage problems in the Township was held among the Committee.

The Clerk presented Update-Discussion Regarding Summer Help.

Mr. Montgomery stated that the Committee just got word that one of the Public Works Employee's is out another month, so that leaves the Township in a situation where they are starting to compile a list of work that needs to be done. Mr. Montgomery stated he asked Ms. Seifrit to contact the JIF to see if there were any restrictions in hiring summer help. Mr. Montgomery indicated they have to look at this situation seriously because now they have the entire month of July with just two guys and there are a lot of things to be done to the building.

A discussion regarding the hiring of summer help was held among the Committee.

Solicitor Testa stated it was not mandatory to advertise the part time position, also the Township can hire someone over the age of 16 but the Clerk needs to find out what the JIF will cover.

A discussion continued regarding the hiring of summer help and if the Township should advertise for the position.

Mr. Spatola stated that the problem is that the Committee should not be debating if summer help should be hired it is known that summer help is needed every year, so summer help should be hired by June 1st and there should be no debate.

The Clerk presented Update- Discussion regarding Banking Services.

Mr. Laurella stated he looked over the information and only found a few things he was concerned about.

A discussion regarding the Banking Services was held among the Committee.

Mr. Laurella stated that he and Mr. Stanzione can get together and have something by the next Township meeting.

New Business

The Clerk presented Renewal Of Automatic Coin Operated Machines Or Devices for Amusement Licenses.

The Clerk stated there was a memo from Mr. Lamanteer, Housing/Zoning Officer, who did inspections on the three businesses that do have coin operated machines.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to approve renewal of the Coin Operated Machine Licenses for 2013-2014. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Application For Special Permit – Rosenhayn Volunteer Fire And Rescue For Sunday, August 4, 2013.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to approve Application for Special Permit for Rosenhayn Volunteer Fire And Rescue on Sunday August 4, 2013. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Special General Election to Be Held On October 16, 2013.

The Clerk stated there was a letter in the Committee's packet from the Board Of Elections, there is going to be a special Primary and special Election to elect the Senate to fill Senator Lautenberg's seat. The Clerk stated that Primary Election is August 13th, 2013 which isn't an issue but the issue is the October 16th, date which is a meeting night.

Mr Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to move the October 16th meeting to October 17th. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Laurella asked what was going to be done with Ron's Animal Service. The Clerk stated that was discussed. Mr. Montgomery asked if this contract needed to be cancelled in order to initiate a new contract.

Solicitor Testa stated there was a Resolution for cancellation of the contract.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to adopt Resolution #13-107 Canceling Animal Sheltering. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Spatola stated this is just a request, and he knows there are a lot of things going on, but he thinks it would be a good idea if the Committee members received a tentative agenda the Friday before a meeting, so there could be any changes made if needed. Mr. Montgomery stated they could take it one step further and have better daily communication, he feels if everyone was on board with what was going on, it would be easier for things to be managed.

A discussion regarding communication via email was held among the Committee.

Solicitor Testa stated they could email each other but no communication should be made via email. Do not conduct or speak about meeting business via email.

Communications

The Clerk stated there were no Communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-108 for The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #13-108. Roll Call Vote:

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

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

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

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to go into Executive Session Per the Resolution. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to reconvene the meeting. Roll Call Vote:

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

There being nothing further, 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

