

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

June 20, 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. Laurella.

The Clerk stated before the meeting was to get started there was a presentation from the Bridgeton Exchange Club by Mr. Bob Sharp and Ms. Sherry Buirch from the Exchange Club. The Clerk indicated they are here to present the Township Committee with the Proudly We Hail Award.

Mr. Sharp from the Bridgeton Exchange Club stated part of the award has to do with the Pledge of Allegiance and every one said it wrong, because in the Pledge of Allegiance when it says One Nation Under God, there is no comma, it is all one statement, and a lot of places say it wrong, so he like to make people aware of that when he can.

A discussion regarding the Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance was held among the Committee and Mr. Sharp.

Mr. Sharp thanked the Committee for the opportunity to come in and make the presentation. Mr. Sharp indicated one of the Exchange Club's major focuses is Americanism, which correlates to patriotism, which is the Proudly We Hail presentation they make, which was adopted in 1976 at the national convention in Washington DC. Mr. Sharp stated the major purpose is to encourage the proper display of the flag, which is to recognize and honor those who do fly it properly. Mr. Sharp then presented Mayor Laurella with a Proudly We Hail plaque, presented to Deerfield Township for proudly and appropriately displaying the American Flag.

Departmental Reports

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

Mr. Lauermann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to accept and file the Departmental Reports. The Committee Approved

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2012-5 Second Reading Of An Ordinance Appropriating The Sum Of \$14,000.00 From The Capital Improvement Fund Of Deerfield Township For The Reduction Of Right Of Way Widths for Willow Street And Poplar Street In Township of Deerfield.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2012-5. The Committee Approved.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2012-5. The Committee Approved.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Ordinance #2012-5 Reduction of Willow and Poplar Streets. Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-127 Approving Alcoholic Beverage Licenses For The 2012-2013 License Term.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to adopt Resolution #12-127 Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-128 Refunding An Overpayment Of Taxes Due to A Disabled Veteran's Deduction.

Mr. Lauermann asked why a payment was made for one amount, but the refund was for lower the amount then what was paid.

A discussion regarding the monies paid and the monies being refunded was held among the Committee.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Resolution #12-128. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-129 Authorizing The Exclusion Of The Public From A Meeting Of The Township Committee To Be Held On June 20, 2012.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to adopt Resolution #12-129. Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

Mr. Spatola stated there was a Recreation Meeting and there were a few concerns, regarding the Committee. Mr. Spatola indicated that Mr. Spoltore, Chairman of the Recreation Committee received a letter from the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, and they are formally requesting to use the park on Sunday July 1st from 10 am to 6 pm. Mr. Spatola indicated Mr. Spoltore wanted to ask the Committee before he responded to the request. Mr. Stanzione stated it was a public park so if Mr. Spoltore wanted to give them

the ok it was fine, but they can not close the park off to just them. The Committee was all in agreement that it was fine to let the church use the park for that day.

Mr. Spatola stated that the roof on the stage in the park is in pretty bad disrepair and needs a lot of work and needs to be structurally removed, and the problem they are having is that the front third of the stage isn't covered, and the way the stage was built and then moved and another stage was built next to the existing stage there is a question regarding where the two stages came together. Mr. Spatola indicated the Recreation knows the money would come out of their trust and are ok with that, but wanted to see how the Committee felt about Ron Shinn possibly doing the work, or hiring someone to do the work.

A discussion regarding the roof on the stage at the park, its cost, how it could be done at minimal cost, prevailing wages, was held among the Committee.

Mr. Spatola stated that there were some electrical things to be done prior to the Harvest Festival, and need to discuss with the Public Works manager to see where they are with that project.

Mr. Lauermann stated the Township has its new zero turn mower and there was discussion about purchasing a trailer to move the mower around the Township. Mr. Lauermann indicated that the large trailer the Township has is not big enough to fit the mower, and the mower will not be able to be moved around the Township unless a trailer is purchased. Mr. Lauermann stated they did get some prices on some trailers from local people, and it seems to be that the particular trailer that was found that was the cheapest was at GE trailer sales for about fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00), large landscape trailer which would hold the mower, weed whacker, fuel, leaf blowers, and they would park it in the garage at night, take it out and be able to take it where it was needed in the Township.

Mr. Montgomery stated that Mr. Barbagello suggested OEM would be willing to pitch in half if not all to purchase the trailer because he needs a trailer as well.

A discussion regarding the trailer and the costs coming from OEM and the usage of the trailer among the two departments was held among the Committee.

Mr. Laurella stated he was never contacted regarding OEM needing a trailer, then stated that people must realize they must go to the proper Chairperson of a department, before they contact anyone on the Committee. Mr. Laurella also stated he felt that Recreation should pay for the trailer being as it would be used to move the mower to cut the parks. Mr. Spatola stated he passed it by the Recreation Committee and they did not like that idea.

A discussion regarding the Committee, the Sub Committee, and the Chair persons of those Sub Committees was held among the Committee Members, along with a discussion regarding the trailer and where the money will come from to pay for that trailer.

Mr. Laurella stated to make the decision at the next meeting after they know where the money will come from and a price on the trailer. Mr. Montgomery stated they did not have time to wait for the next meeting, because the grass in Carmel will be a foot higher by then and they have to have a way to get the mower there now.

Mr. Stanzione stated that OEM did not need a trailer, because what he has fits in the back of the truck, but a trailer is needed for the maintenance so they can transport the mower.

The Clerk stated that if she can get the approval from the Finance Officer, then the money can be taken out of Streets and Roads because there is plenty of money.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to purchase a trailer to transport the new mower. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Lauer mann stated that regarding the asphalt repair on Cedar Street, an old pipe was found under the road bed, and he doesn't know what happened, but something needs to be done for the future so the Township isn't caught in a situation like this again. Mr. Lauer mann indicated that right now the asphalt will probably have to be cut out and a new drain pipe be put under the road bed and then re-asphalted. Mr. Lauer mann stated that he feels the Sub Committee issue that Mr. Laurella was talking about needs to have checks and balances. Mr. Lauer mann indicated that the Sub Committees are in place to share the burden of running the Township, not that the two people would make decisions on their own but would bring the recommendations to the rest of the Committee as a whole. Mr. Lauer mann stated at the moment, they are looking at tearing the asphalt up to replace the drain pipe under the road, right now they are looking to clear the pipe because it is looking pretty solid of mud and things from the farm next door. Mr. Lauer mann gave his opinion on why the road is the way it is, and stated he is looking at a couple of contractors to come out and clear the pipe out. Mr. Lauer mann stated it is going to cost at least twelve to thirteen hundred dollars (\$1,200-\$1,300) and if it was done the correct way, it could have been done for half that cost.

The Clerk stated that as a follow up to Mr. Lauer mann's comments, the Public Works Supervisor went to a Public Works Managers County meeting at the 911 Center, and did speak to Don Olbrich and a gentleman from the County, and the gentleman is going to meet the Public Works Manager at Cedar Street Thursday morning at 7:30 to see if they can blow the line open with their machine, and if he can't get here in the morning, the Township will have about a three week wait.

Mr. Stanzione stated when there is an enclosed trailer at the Carmel Fire Hall, that has been there since it was closed. Mr. Stanzione indicated it needs to be looked at to see if it is wide enough to put the mower in, he also stated it belongs to the Township and is in good shape.

Mr. Lauer mann stated he had a meeting with Bob Mulford from Fralinger Engineering regarding the sidewalks in Carmel. Mr. Lauer mann indicated some of the residents are now having flooding problems since the sidewalks have been put in. Mr. Lauer mann stated they tried to explain to the homeowners that the issue is when we have large amounts of rain, the water flows down Sherman Avenue and there are only two drains to catch the water. Mr. Lauer mann stated to the residents to take pictures when the water is above the curb, so they can take it to the County and try to resolve the problem. Mr. Lauer mann indicated the storm drains that are there are plugged up, and haven't been maintained very well by the County, so he reached out to the County and they are going to get out to that section of Carmel and clean out the storm drains in that area.

Mr. Lauermann stated that the issue on Pindale Drive is not the responsibility of Deerfield Township, and Bob Mulford from Fralinger's Engineering is going to reach out to Upper Deerfield to maintain that area. Mr. Lauermann indicated they paved Pindale Drive several years ago and the road bed was raised and now slopes down and is even with a lot of the properties, so the water goes down the road and into their properties and is causing some issues. Mr. Lauermann stated the County is going to have some men out on Pindale Drive within a week or two.

Mr. Lauermann stated he asked Bob Mulford if he knew if the topsoil that was laid out in Carmel was of a specific grade, because after all the rain we've had a lot of it has washed away. Mr. Lauermann indicated if you look at the before and after photo's of the private construction, where the grass is not growing in large sections, a lot of the top soil is washing out because it was poor grade, it was mixed with stones, mulch, branches, it was junk fill, so Bob Mulford is withholding the last check for the contractor, until he comes back and rakes the entire section from Nabb Avenue past Carmel. Mr. Lauermann stated he wants them to get all the debris out of there and reseed the entire section.

Mr. Spatola stated that it was brought to his attention that the farm on Greenman Avenue and the water discharge onto the road, and the soil going down the road, and the water going into the culvert that was just built at the end, the water lying on Landis Avenue. Mr. Spatola stated the water is there every day all the time, and he questions the fact that some people have to completely be responsible for the waste water on their property, and this water is just running off, running away.

Mr. Laurella stated that Greenman Avenue is a County road and so the problem has to be addressed to the County. Mr. Spatola indicated that Mr. Lauermann did speak to Don Olbrich at the County and asked Mr. Olbrich to sweep the street and he also asked them about the ditch that was opened up from the farm to the culvert, and Don Olbrich stated there always was a slight swale there.

A discussion regarding the farm on Greenman Avenue and its waste water, and what can be done about it, was held among the Committee.

A discussion regarding the farms, the drain pipes, and the water issues in Deerfield Township was held among the Committee.

New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Municipal Building Security System.

Mr. Laurella stated he asked this be put on the agenda because he felt it was time that security cameras be put in the building and that the building be locked a little different during the day. Mr. Laurella indicated the end door should be locked and everyone should enter through the main doors at the front of the building, and cameras should be put through out the building. Mr. Laurella stated he felt it was time to start tightening things up because things aren't the way they have been in the past. Mr. Laurella asked the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Mr. Lauermann and Mr. Montgomery to look into the security system and bring it back to the Committee.

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Request From The Cumberland County Agriculture Development Board For Clarification On The Status Of The Unimproved Portion Of Maxon Avenue.

The Clerk stated that in the Committee's packet was a letter and aerial overview of Maxom Avenue. The Clerk indicated there was an application before the board from Anthony and Amanda Sparacio for farmland preservation. The Clerk stated the Sparacio's would like to keep the one acre portion highlighted on the aerial view for a possible future home, but before they approve any of that, they wanted to know if the Township was going to improve Maxom Avenue. The Clerk stated she could have answered that question but decided not to.

A discussion regarding the paper street Maxon Avenue was held among the Committee.

The Clerk asked if the Committee wanted her to contact the Agricultural Board and let them know that the Township has no intention in improving the road. The Committee stated yes.

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

The Clerk stated in the Committee's packet was a memo from the Zoning/Housing Officer regarding the few business that do have such items, and he finds them to be compliant.

Mr. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to approve the renewal of Coin Operated Machines.

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

The Clerk presented Application For Special Permit - Rosenhayn Volunteer Fire And Rescue For Sunday, August 5, 2012.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauer mann to approve Special Permit- RVFR Chicken BBQ, Sunday August 5, 2012. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Application To Extend Licensed Premises By Centerfolds Cabaret For One Day Summer Party- July 21, 2012 From 12 PM to 2 AM.

Mr. Laurella asked if alcohol is allowed to be served outside, the Clerk stated that was what this application was for to extend the license to outside.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauer mann to deny the application to Extend License Premises at Centerfolds On July 21, 2012. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Stanzione stated he had some request forms from the Fire Company. Mr. Stanzione indicated that right now out of the ESF fund the Fire Company needs about fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00) to buy gear for the new fire fighters that are coming into the department. Mr. Stanzione indicated that at this moment the Township can not take the money out of the fund which they collected, so Mr. Stanzione would like to have a Capital Ordinance to pay this and then have the money transferred from the fund back to the Captial.

A discussion regarding the money and transfer of monies was held among the Committee.

Mr. Laurella stated to place this item on the July 5th, 2012 agenda.

Communications

The Clerk stated there were no Communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-130 for The Payment of Bills.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann, to adopt Resolution #12-130. 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. Stanzione to open the meeting to the public. The Committee Approved.

Mr. Pete Jilinski, Rescue Chief Rosenhayn Fire and Rescue approached the Committee and stated that the paid fire fighters started this week, and everything is going extremely well and he is pleased with the group of people they chose. Mr. Jilinski encouraged the Township Committee to stop by the fire house and introduce themselves and meet the new people, if they wanted to. Mr. Jilinski stated on a sadder note, Chief Cifiologlio resigned as the Fire Chief, Rosenhayn Fire and Rescue, it was not under adverse conditions, he just has a lot of things going on. Mr. Jilinski indicated Mr. Cifiologlio has been the Chief for the past seven years and Mr. Jilinski has nothing negative to say about him, as a result of Mr. Cifiologlio resigning, Mr. Jilinski has resumed the responsibilities of Fire Chief, and also currently the Rescue Chief. Mr. Jilinski stated he would resign the title of Rescue Chief and that would be passed on to Dave Chance. Mr. Jilinski stated that Mr. Cifiologlio was still going to be with the Fire Department, he is still a fireman and EMT and he would still guide the fire department.

Mr. Jilinski stated that several years ago, a trailer was purchased by the Carmel Fire Company through grant money and he believes it is a 12x6 trailer and it does have a drop down door, to serve as a ramp. Mr. Jilinski indicated he would bring the trailer to the municipal garage the next day, so they could look at. Mr. Jilinski stated he knows the trailer is titled but is not sure if the tags and registration are still current.

Mr. Jilinski stated that Mr. Lauermann was discussing the pagers, the pagers are still luming over the fire company. Mr. Jilinski indicated he received notification from the 911 Center that they are implementing the ban on the pagers on November 27th, so the fire department has to be ready by then. Mr. Jilinski stated he was looking at the Rescue Budget, and he is currently working with Swiss Phone to buy ten (10) pagers and his

hope is, as he gets a good look at the rescue budget he can buy ten (10) more out of the fire budget. Mr. Jilinski stated there are things that are required to be done for the fire department every year, that are really expensive, so he is going to get with Ms. Seifrit and Mrs. Tramontana and look at the budget and decide what can be done with the pagers.

Mr. Laurella asked if the ambulance is sold, Mr. Stanzione stated that ambulance is gone. Mr. Laurella indicated that even though the money is there it can't be used at this time, but in time can be used to purchase things for the fire department.

Mr. Jilinski stated that he believes that the firefighters are considered employees of the Township, and so are covered under the ACMJIF and if permissible he could get four or five guys to repair the roof, if the Township was willing to go that option.

Mr. Spatola stated that would be a great community project and is not a great undertaking as one would think. Mr. Jilinski stated the Recreation does things for the fire department every year, so this would be something they could do in return.

There being no further comment from the public, Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Ms. Spatola, to close the meeting to the public. The Committee approved.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to go into Executive Session as per the Resolution. 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. Stanzione to reconvene the Regular Meeting. The Committee Approved.

There being no other business to come before the Committee, Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to adjourn the meeting. The Committee approved.

Cosmo Laurella, Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield