

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

June 6, 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. Lauer mann, Mr. Spatola, Mr. Stanzione, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Laurella.

Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes from May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

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

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance # 2012-4 Second Reading And Public Hearing Of An Ordinance Appropriating the Sum Of \$10,000.00 From The Capital Improvement Fund Of Deerfield Township For Road Improvements In The Township.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2012-4. The Committee Approved.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2012-4. The Committee Approved.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to adopt Ordinance #2012-4. Roll Call Vote.

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

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2012-5 First 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. Laurella stated that at the previous meeting the Township Committee made a motion and a second to award a contract to have Fralinger's go down the two streets and start doing what was necessary to reduce them. Mr. Laurella indicated Fralinger's walked the streets to look to see if there is anything in the right away.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Ordinance #2012-5 on First Reading and to set Wednesday, June 20, 2012 for Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Adoption. Roll Call Vote.

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

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-122 Authorizing Membership In Mutual Aid And Assistance Agreement With Participating Units.

The Clerk stated Solicitor Testa reviewed the Mutual Aid Agreement and found it to be in order and this is the Resolution necessary for that agreement.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to adopt Resolution #12-122 Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-123 Approving Release of Performance Bond Posted By Whitetail Crossings (Dream Work Homes) In The Sum Of \$119,256.60.

Mr. Laurella stated that this is part of a procedure when a road is complete by a builder, at the time the Township adopted that road, all improvement that had to be done per the requirements of Deerfield Township. Engineer approved of the road so now the bond has to be released.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Resolution #12-123. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Laurella asked the Clerk to find out how the Township goes about adopting the road so it can be another Township road.

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-124 Awarding A Contract to Ricky Slade Construction For The Reconstruction Of Willow Street In The Sum Of \$7,374.00.

The Clerk stated the quote was attached to the Resolution, additionally this money has been appropriated by the adoption of Ordinance #2012-4.

Mr. Montgomery made motion, seconded by Mr. Lauer mann to adopt Resolution #12-124. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-125 Approving Candidates For The Paid Part Time Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Positions For The Township Of Deerfield.

Mr. Laurella stated something that hasn't been done but something the Township should look into in the future. Mr. Laurella stated he feels since the Township is hiring these employees, he feels all employees should have a criminal back ground check.

Mr. Pete Jilinski, Rescue Chief Rosenhayn Fire and Rescue, stated that any one who is licensed as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) gets a back ground check by the State at the time of their acceptance of their license. Mr. Jilinski indicated he does not believe they do that every time they recertified. Mr. Jilinski stated it is not something he recommends this time because he is very familiar with all the candidates, it is something he recommends the Township take effort to do that in the future.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #12-125 Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Lauer mann asked if upon hiring some one, is a drug and alcohol test done, the Clerk and Mr. Stanzione stated that has never been done. Mr. Laurella stated it is something that should be considered.

A discussion was held among the Committee regarding drug and alcohol testing.

#### Old Business

Mr. Montgomery stated that he put all the paperwork in for the phone systems, and he is waiting to get back the password information, as soon as he gets that he will give it to the Clerk so she can set up the online billing system, which will also save the Township money. Mr. Montgomery indicated all the paperwork was also put in for the new service for the OEM office in the basement. Mr. Lauer mann stated that once that is all done they can call the phone company and get the new phone system with the voice mail set up.

Mr. Lauer mann stated that he and Mr. Montgomery did a walk through for the sidewalk construction, with Bob Mulford from Fralinger's Engineering. Mr. Lauer mann indicated they walked both sides of the streets and some change orders had to happen, but were well in the budget, and the sidewalks are turning out nice.

Mr. Lauer mann stated that he and Mr. Laurella spoke about possibly passing an ordinance that the home owners are required to maintain the grass areas in front of their properties, between the sidewalk and the curb line, and also the shrubbery, and shovel the snow on the sidewalks.

Mr. Stanzione stated that the Recreation Committee is starting to get the Harvest Festival together and the Deerfield Township School is having their field days at the school, and he will be serving water ice to the kids.

Mr. Laurella stated the Committee has talked about this issue but now it's time to act on it, the cupola has been leaking. Mr. Laurella stated he wants to start looking for a contractor, or for the public works to start repairing it. Mr. Lauer mann stated because of Mr. Shinn's back ground he is going to go up to the cupola and look at it and see what can be done to repair it. Mr. Lauer mann also stated that something has to be created to have easier access to go up to the cat walk that runs above the ceiling in the center of the building.

Mr. Spatola stated that if it was not a problem with the other Committee members, he would like to go up with Mr. Shinn and Mr. Lauer mann and look at the cupola and see

if it is within Mr. Shinn's capabilities to repair, or if someone from the outside should be brought in .

A discussion regarding the cupola was held among the Committee Members.

#### New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding The Purchase Of A New Lawn Mower For The Township Of Deerfield Municipal Building.

Mr. Lauermann stated that the lawn mower used to mow the grass around the Municipal Building, the transmission went and it is not worth replacing the transmission. Mr. Lauermann indicated that a lot of the Municipalities are going to the zero turn mowers, they are a little more costly than a regular tractor but, they are more universal and efficient, also the fuel economy and longevity of the machines, there is not much you can say about how good they are. Mr. Lauermann stated that the machine the Municipality had before was specifically for the Municipal Building use only, you couldn't take it to the park systems, and the large tractor was used for every thing, and what is going to end up happening is the machine is going to end up being torn up, because it is not meant to be used to cut grass and that is what it has been used for as well as other things.

Mr. Lauermann stated that Mr. Spatola has been kind to let the Municipality use his machine for a while so the guys can get a feel of it. Mr. Lauermann indicated that they have gotten some prices, which are tax exempt but he is not sure if they are under State contract. Mr. Lauermann stated there are some facts on paper which show the amount of man hours used is unbelievable for just for cutting grass. Mr. Lauermann indicated that monies are allocated for summer help, which the summer helps main purpose is to cut the grass, in turn spending thousands of dollars. Mr. Lauermann indicated spending money on a garden tractor, one piece of equipment which couldn't be taken off of Municipal grounds, and with the zero turn mower the public works men could do that, they could go to the parks and cut the grass as well as the grass on the Municipal grounds.

Mr. Lauermann stated that the money the Township was going to allocate to buy a tractor and the money allocated for summer help, together you have the monies to buy the zero turn mower. Mr. Lauermann asked Mr. Ron Shinn, Public Works Manager if he would like to discuss the different things he was able to do with the zero turn mower, and how it freed up his time to do other things, it would be appreciated.

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

Mr. Ron Shinn, Public Works Manager approached the Committee and stated that the zero turn mower is an impressive machine, it cut the time down tremendously. Mr. Shinn stated that Mr. Biauice used to spend six hours cutting the grass in Carmel and with the zero turn mower it only took him two hours to cut the grass. Mr. Shinn indicated that this week alone they were able to get the tennis courts cleaned up, and did a lot of cleaning and straightening up done. Mr. Shinn stated if they didn't have the zero turn mower, they'd be still cutting grass.

Mr. Laurella asked Mr. Shinn what grass he would be cutting with the zero turn mower. Mr. Shinn stated they would cut all of Carmel, half of Lincoln park because the

other half is woods, all of LoBiondo and three sections of Rosenhayn park, the other sections they use the bush hog because it is woods. Mr. Shinn stated they would cut the old Landfill with the bush hog, as well as the side of the roads.

Mr. Spatola stated the Township allocated about three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for a lawn mower, but the price for a zero turn mower is about eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00), which left them with a discrepancy of about five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). Mr. Spatola stated he spoke to Mr. Shinn and Mr. Biauce about part time summer help and they both agreed it was not necessary for that at this time, but come Harvest Festival time then part time help will be needed. Mr. Spatola stated they could take the sixty eight hundred dollars (\$6,800.00) they were going to pay the summer help to cut the grass, they can do away with that and that is where the money can come from for the upgraded lawn mower, which still leave a couple of thousand there.

Mr. Spatola stated he appreciates the Committee allowing him to offer up the machine for a week, he knew what the zero turn mower would do and wanted to get Mr. Shinn's opinion, and in doing that these are the results they came up with.

A discussion regarding the zero turn mowers, quotes and other specifications was held among the Committee.

Mr. Laurella asked where the three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) was allocated from, Mr. Spatola stated there was a PO generated to purchase a lawn mower, he is not sure where the money was taken from, he just knows there is t(\$3000.00) to purchase a mower. Mr. Laurella stated they were going to take the money out of Streets and Roads, the Clerk stated the money can not be taken from Streets and Roads but was going to be taken out of Public Works account. Mr. Laurella then asked why the money was coming out of Public Works, when they were cutting the grass at the parks as well, why can't they take half of the money out of the Recreation account.

A discussion was held again among the Committee regarding the lawn mower.

Mr. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to close the Public portion. The Committee Approved.

Mr. Lauermann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to allow quotes to be obtained for a 60"-61", 27-31 hp zero turn lawn mower with grass catcher, roll bar, and sun shade. Roll Call Vote:

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

A discussion regarding the mower, and if Recreation should pay for half the price was held among the Committee.

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Revision Of Hours For The Charlotte Brago= Senior Center.

The Clerk stated that she and the Senior Center Director Lorene Thompson had a discussion last week, because there was a confrontation between two of the seniors in the Center. The Clerk stated Mrs. Thompson left for the day, and the Assistant Director was there but it was not her responsibility to police the argument. The Clerk stated that she and Mrs. Thompson had a discussion with Mayor Laurella and it came down to when

there is no supervision in the Senior Center every one needs to leave at three o'clock. The Clerk stated that has been taking place and working well.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to close the Senior Center at 3 o'clock. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Laurella stated that some may not like him for this but he thinks they have to look at cutting some of the help in the Township, basically in the building because there is not a lot of Court work any more, there is not as much Planning Board work.

Mr. Stanzione stated he didn't feel this should be discussed unless there is an Executive Session. Mr. Heck stated the Committee had a right to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Mr. Heck indicated he has the ability to discuss it in a public form but it is by consensus of the Committee, and the rest of the Committee would prefer to discuss it in Executive Session, and he feels that is the appropriate place to do that.

Mr. Laurella asked the Clerk to place on the agenda for the next meeting, to have an Executive Session regarding the cutting of some of the help.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola for Executive Session for next meeting. Roll Call Vote:

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

### Communications

The Clerk stated there were no Communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-126 for The Payment of Bills.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to adopt Resolution #12-126. Roll Call Vote:

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

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

Mr. Pete Jilinski, Rescue Chief of Rosenhayn Fire and Rescue, 815 Vineland Avenue approached the Committee and thanked the Township Committee specifically Mr. Spatola and Mr. Stanzione for helping with the process of placing the paid people in Station 29. Mr. Jilinski stated it was a lot of work and a long two years to get this in effect, and his goal is to start on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Mr. Jilinski indicated there will be two people at the station from 8 am to 4 o'clock in the afternoon, all that seems to be in place

and working out well, and asked the Committee if they have any questions or concerns please reach out to him without hesitation.

Mr. Spatola asked how Mr. Jilinski was making out gearing the new hires up. Mr. Jilinski stated they were working on it, the valid paper work is done already to send them for their physicals and that should take place prior to the 18<sup>th</sup>, the issue maybe getting them turn out gear, but he is going to try and expedite that, but in the mean time, there are a couple of options, they can wear suits that are on hand, they can wear there own gear as long as it meets Station 29's regulations, or not let them on the fire truck, which he prefers not to do but it is an option .

Mr. Spatola thanked Mr. Jilinski and the Fire Chief, Mr. Cifialoglio, because he had no idea how hard they were working on this, and they took it very seriously, and Mr. Spatola feels there is no where this can go but good, and there is no financial down side, and he has all the confidence in Mr. Jilinski and Mr. Cifialoglio. Mr. Spatola stated he never realized how many hours the two chiefs put in responding to calls in Deerfield Township and the way it affects their lives. Mr. Spatola indicated that one of the assets the Township is going to get out of this process is that the two chiefs will be able to step back and supervise instead of constantly running.

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.

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

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Cosmo Laurella, Chairperson  
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

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Karen Seifrit, Clerk  
Township of Deerfield