

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

November 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. Lauermann, Mr. Laurella, Mr. Stanzione, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Spatola.

Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes from October 2nd, and October 17th, 2013.

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

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-141 Resolution Authorizing The Exclusion Of The Public From A Meeting Of The Township Committee To Be Held On November 4, 2013.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to adopt Resolution #13-138. 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. Montgomery to go into Executive Session. 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. Montgomery to reconvene the Regular Meeting. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Lauermann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to Authorize Settlement Between Deerfield Township and Edward Myers, in the amount of \$27,000.00 to be covered by the ACMJIF and lawyer fees to be covered by the Township not exceed \$11,000.00. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-142 Resolution Authorizing The Transfer Of Funds.

The Clerk stated it was an extensive transfer of funds Resolutions.

Mr. Spatola stated he read the letter from the CFO Mary Jane Lake and was a bit confused by it so his question was, "was he correct in assuming that the letter that the CFO sent stated that because of the way the Township Budget was set up they could not take monies out from Fire and Training for Fire Education Materials with out a Resolution"?

The Clerk stated that there were two issues, the transfer Resolution is broken down into two aspects, monies can't be moved from inside and outside the CAP, so it's broken down into two sections, money that can be moved inside the CAP, and then monies outside the CAP and monies can be moved inside the sections, but they can not be crossed over the sections. The Clerk stated that being said, the Resolution has nothing to do with the memo that was received from the CFO. The Clerk indicated that Fire and Rescue has reached their limit as to spending, they do have a little bit of money left in two line items, which she strongly recommends stay the way it is and that nothing further be spent, in case there is an emergency in the next two months.

Mr. Spatola stated that his next question was there a spending spree, due to the fact that there was a memo that stated no monies could be spent after November 1st. The Clerk stated there were some Purchase Order request on the 30th, and 31st of October.

Mr. Stanzione stated that this is done every year and all of a sudden this year, and he doesn't know if it's because the Finance Officer is leaving, the monies can't be moved around. Mr. Stanzione stated he wanted to have a meeting with the CFO but she is not available on Thursday. Mr. Stanzione stated he has been the Chairperson for Fire for 15 years and all of a sudden the way they have done things has changed.

The Clerk stated the problem is that Fire and Rescue felt they could take the money that were allocated for training and educational material and use them as they saw fit, without going through the process of the transfer Resolution, it wasn't that they couldn't use the money, it was that they went ahead and allocated the money without the proper transfer of monies.

A discussion regarding the Fire and Rescue and its monies was held among the Committee.

The Clerk reiterated that the items on the Resolutions are necessary transfers and have nothing to do with the memo.

Mr. Stanzione stated that it has to be realized that Fire and Rescue need to have enough supplies to carry them through the year, and because there was a November 1st cut off they were trying to make sure they had enough supplies to make it through the year.

A discussion was continued regarding the monies and the Fire and Rescue.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #13-142. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-143 Resolution Approving Settlement Between The Township Of Deerfield And John And Marlene Orsci And Authorizing The Execution Of A Settlement Agreement With Respect To The Settlement Of Litigation.

The Clerk stated at the last meeting that agreement was presented to the Committee for their review and this Resolution is authorizing the agreement and the execution of the settlement and the agreement.

Mr. Spatola stated he read it quite thoroughly and it does represent everything that was spoken of with the Solicitor.

A discussion regarding what is going to be done regarding the settlement was held among the Committee.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to adopt Resolution #13-143. 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. Lauermann stated he got a phone call from Mr. Sutton, touching base pertaining to what may be coming up with this years budget, so a decision has to be made regarding Animal Control with sheltering, and whether the Township was going to pay a flat fee or per animal.

A discussion regarding Animal Control was held among the Committee.

Mr. Lauermann stated he recommended giving the, per animal sheltering a shot because he feels there was an enormous amount of money spent on the flat fees over the years.

The Clerk presented the Update – Discussions Regarding No Interest Loan From Cumberland County Improvement Authority In The Sum Of \$50,000 For Repairs to The Stage Roof At LoBiondo Park.

The Clerk stated that if she recalls correctly Mayor Spatola had asked the Liaisons of Recreation to double check and clarify with Recreation that they understand the requirements of the loan.

Mr. Stanzione stated they do understand the requirements of the loan.

The Clerk presented Update- Discussion Regarding Acquisition Of Property Adjacent to Municipal Building (46.78 Acres).

The Clerk asked Mr. Heck if Mr. Testa had discussed that with him. Mr. Heck stated that Mr. Testa discussed it briefly with him. Mr. Heck indicated that apparently a contact has been made, regarding the price that had been talked about, he doesn't believe there has been a change in the sellers thinking, it's still available for consideration by the Township.

Mr. Spatola stated maybe the Township should contact the owner to see if he has interest in speaking with the Committee regarding the property.

Mr. Montgomery stated that the money would not be available until March when the money from Green Acres is available, and that wouldn't be until March 2014 and that is at the earliest.

New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Temporary Help.

Mr. Montgomery stated that as regretful as he is to say this, he believes they have reached their financial obligation for the year, and he hates to see Bruce Murphy go, he is one that believes he should be hired full time at some point for the Municipality because he is a great worker and has been an asset. Mr. Montgomery indicated he feels it is safer for everyone involved when there are two workers working along with the Public Works Director, but financially under the situation the Township is under a decision has to be made that this will be his last week of employment until the Township can come up with other funding and pursue bringing him back at a full time obligation.

Mr. Montgomery stated he would reach out to Mr. Murphy and inform him this would be his last week.

The Clerk asked if November 8th would be his last day, Mr. Montgomery stated yes.

Mr. Laurella stated that every year after the elections they would hold Reorganization Meeting, and there is nothing stated in the agenda regarding the meeting.

A discussion regarding the date for the meeting was held among the Committee.

The Clerk asked if everyone was in agreement with the November 25th, date for the meeting. The Committee agreed.

Mr. Montgomery stated that he and Mr. Laurella met with the seniors a couple of weeks ago and it was brought to their attention that they were asking if they could get some help, financially to paint part of the Senior Center. Mr. Montgomery indicated they have a big county wide meeting coming up in the Month of December and they would like to spruce the place up a little bit. Mr. Montgomery stated they are looking at roughly one hundred dollars (\$100) in materials and the labor would be provided by Mr. Laurella and himself, and if any one else would like to participate they are more than welcome to.

Mr. Montgomery stated it would have come out of their budget but their budget was cut about four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450.00)

Communications

The Clerk stated there were no Communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-144 for The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #13-144. 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. Montgomery to open the meeting to the Public. The Committee Approved.

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

Mr. Lauermann 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