

SPECIAL MEETING  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

November 25, 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 6:30 p.m.

Chairperson Spatola led the flag salute.

The Deputy Clerk took roll call and members present included, Mr. Lauermann, Mr. Laurella, Mr. Stanzione, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Spatola.

The Clerk stated there was a calendar for the month of January 2014, the first item was to discuss the dates for the Reorganization meeting.

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

Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 was date set for the Reorganization meeting.

The Clerk presented Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2014.

Mr. Stanzione and Mr. Laurella stated they could discuss this at the meeting scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Clerk presented the Reorganization Agenda – 2014- Department Chairpersons And Co-Chairpersons.

The Clerk stated the second page, the Chair and Vice Chair for the Departments.

Mr. Laurella stated they should choose the Chair and Vice Chair on the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting as well because the Mayor is always in charge of OEM.

The Clerk presented the Terms and Appointments.

Mr. Laurella stated that the Planning Board meeting is to be held the 8<sup>th</sup> of January and the Reorganization meeting is held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January, so they won't be reappointed.

Solicitor Testa stated the Reorganization could be moved to January 7<sup>th</sup> before the Land Use Board Reorganization meeting.

The Clerk stated that the Reorganization meeting was now going to be January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

The Clerk stated they would go page by page and if there were any issues they could handle them as they came along.

Mr. Stanzione stated he saw two appointments that couldn't be done, the Clerk stated they were fairly obvious at this point, the Chief Financial Officer and Tax Assessor.

Mr. Spatola stated that it was brought to his attention that there may be some interest in the Tax Assessor in Hopewell. Mr. Stanzione stated they were going to have a meeting with the Tax Assessor from Hopewell and one that submitted their resume.

The Clerk stated they had two resumes along with the Tax Assessor from Hopewell.

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The Clerk stated on the second page they needed to review the Solicitor, Planner and Auditor.

Mr. Spatola asked if he was corrected in stating that there were no other Auditing firms that applied for the position, the Clerk stated correct, Mr. Spatola stated that they would then assume that the Auditor would stay the same so they should deal with that issue.

The only issue on the second page was the Solicitor and Planner.

The Clerk stated they were moving on to page 3.

Mr. Spatola asked if they addressed in the policy, doing away with the term permanent position. Mr. Laurella stated it was put in place in the Code Book years ago to protect Employees to prevent them from going Union. Mr. Laurella stated that looking at the Ordinance it does not state out names, just titles.

Mr. Laurella stated that he would like the Ordinance looked over and reworded, to make sure the two people who have been here the longest and served the Township well, that their job isn't in jeopardy if the Ordinance is changed.

A discussion regarding the Ordinance, and its wording was held among the Committee.

The Clerk stated they were moving on to page 4.

Mr. Spatola asked if Mr. Joe Macera was done with being a part time laborer. The Clerk stated he probably is, he was reached out to this year and he wasn't interested. Mr. Spatola stated he should be removed from the list and add someone else's name to the list. Mr. Spatola stated there was Tim Jilinski, he could be put in place of Joe Macera for the part time laborer position.

The Clerk stated they were moving on to page 5. The Clerk stated this page was in regard to the Land Use Board appointments and Brenda Closser stated she has heard from every body that is up this year except Ron Durham and she doesn't know if it is an email thing, she doesn't expect him to say no.

Mr. Spatola asked if a RFP was sent out for the Land Use Board Solicitor position, the Clerk stated there was one response.

The Solicitor stated that the Zoning Board approves of their Solicitor. Mr. Laurella stated the Committee approves the Board Members and they in turn approve their Solicitor, Planner and Secretary.

The Clerk asked if there were any issues with regards to the Township appointments for the Land Use Board. No one had any issues.

The Clerk stated that last page was with regards to the Recreation Committee and there were only two appointments this year.

Mr. Stanzione stated what was there was fine.

The Clerk stated the next item was the draft of the Township Meeting Schedule and there were still two meetings in July and two meetings in August, but like the past summer if it's determined that one meeting is good enough then the second meeting can be cancelled.

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The Committee agreed the Township Meeting Schedule was fine.

The Clerk stated that last thing was the holiday schedule for next year.

Mr. Stanzione asked if the schedule was like the County, the Clerk stated she believed it was. The Clerk got the County schedule and stated that both Holiday schedules were alike.

Mr. Lauremann asked if other Township's followed the County, the Clerk stated some tweaked their schedules, but for the most part it was pretty close.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adjourn the Meeting. The Committee Approved.

Solicitor Testa asked if the Township was received from Mr. Darcy in regards to the two properties. The Clerk stated yes it was received and it is in the Construction office for the Construction officer to respond.

A discussion regarding Mr. Darcy's letter was discussed among the Committee.

The Solicitor recommended for the Clerk to turn the letter over to the ACMJIF as well, just in case there was a civil case.

A discussion regarding the letter and the building in question was held among the Committee.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to adjourn the meeting. The Committee Approved.

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Frank Spatola, Chairperson  
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

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Karen Seifrit, Clerk  
Township of Deerfield