

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

January 20, 2010

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. Laueremann, Mr. Laurella, Mr. Stanzione and Ms. Musso. Mr. Spatola.

The Clerk presented Minutes of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, December 16<sup>th</sup>, and December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laueremann approve the Minutes as written. The Committee Approved.

Departmental Reports

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

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laueremann to accept and file and Departmental Reports. The Committee Approved.

Executive Session

The Clerk presented Resolution #10-73 Authorizing The Exclusion Of The Public From A Meeting Of The Township Committee To Be Held On January 20, 2010.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to adopt Resolution #10-73. Roll Call Vote.

Mr. Laueremann	Yes	Ms. Musso	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Ms. Musso to go into Executive Session. The Committee Approved

Ms. Musso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laueremann to reconvene the Regular Meeting. The Committee Approved.

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #10-74 Refunding Overpayment of 2010 Taxes

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #10-74. Roll Call Vote.

Mr. Laueremann	Yes	Ms. Musso	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #10-75 Authorizing Execution Of Agreement Between Cumberland Development Corporation And The Township Of Deerfield For The Year 2010.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauer mann to adopt Resolution #10-75. Roll Call Vote.

Mr. Lauer mann	Yes	Ms. Musso	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #10-76 Of Participating Unit For The Cumberland Joint Municipal Shared Services Feasibility Grant.

The Clerk stated this was a Resolution amending the previous Resolution for multiple services, Construction, Personnel, and Public Works equipment.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauer mann to adopt Resolution #10-76. Roll Call Vote.

Mr. Lauer mann	Yes	Ms. Musso	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #10-77 Approving Renewal of Liquor License For Joseph E. Miller t/a Hugits Steaks & Things.

The Clerk stated that the renewal is required so the Division of Taxation can auction off the Liquor License at a time that is yet to be determined.

Mr. Laurella stated he would make a motion and stated that when it was time for the liquor license to be auctioned he would like to see the Township purchase the license to reduce another license in the Township. The Clerk stated when she found out the date of the auction of liquor license she would notify Mr. Laurella.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauer mann to adopt Resolution #10-77. Roll Call Vote.

Mr. Lauer mann	Yes	Ms. Musso	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

### Old Business

Mr. Laurella stated that last year there was a lot of rain and there were residents complaining of flooding throughout the Township, but there was a lot of flooding throughout the County also. Mr. Laurella indicated he had a report from the County Improvement Authority, which states that for the month of August there was 9.25 inches of rain and in December there was 10.5 inches of rain. Mr. Laurella stated that he wanted to bring up the rain totals so people could see the rainfalls we have had.

New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Nomination For Cumberland Development Board Of Directors.

The Clerk stated that the Township receives a nomination form yearly for the representative to be chosen for the Board of Directors, and Ms. Musso has expressed her interest in staying with the Board.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauer mann to appoint Carol Musso as Representative to Cumberland Development Corporation for 2010. Roll Call Vote.

Mr. Lauer mann	Yes	Ms. Musso	Abstain
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

The Clerk presented Discussion Of Brush Truck To Be Added to List Of Township Owned Vehicles.

Mr. Stanzione stated that Rosenhayn Fire Company purchased a Brush Truck and would like to have it added on to the list of vehicles owned by the Township. Mr. Stanzione indicated Rosenhayn Fire Company will give the Township the truck and the Township will insure it. Mr. Stanzione stated the reason for this is to help out, instead of sending the big truck out to an accident they can send out the little truck, it would save wear and tear on the tanker and pumper trucks. Mr. Stanzione stated there was no expense to add the Brush Truck to the insurance policy, he also stated if anyone had any questions they could be asked during the public portion and the Chief may be able to answer any questions.

Mr. Laurella stated that he heard the Brush Truck can tow the foam trailer better than the SUV, Mr. Stanzione stated yes and in the future the SUV would be done away with. Mr. Lauer mann asked if the truck was 4 wheel drive, Mr. Stanzione stated it was diesel and 4 wheel drive.

Mr. Spatola stated Mr. Stanzione took him to see the Brush Truck because he had heard about it but had never seen the truck. Mr. Spatola indicated he thinks it is well suited to save money and get in tight spots when need be. Mr. Spatola stated he believes the truck was bought through the expense of the Fire Company, and they are willing to give it to the Township to insure. Mr. Spatola stated he noticed it was still not lettered and asked who would pay that expense. It was stated that the Rosenhayn Fire Company is going to pay for the painting and lettering of the truck.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauer mann to accept the Brush Truck from Rosenhayn Volunteer Fire Rescue and to insure and add to the list of Township owned vehicles. Roll Call Vote.

Mr. Lauer mann	Yes	Ms. Musso	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

Mr. Spatola stated he wanted to ask for a motion to ask for a twelve (12) month extension payment plan to Mrs. Kulig in the matter of the demolition of her property that was tore down last year in 2009. Mr. Spatola indicated that Mrs. Kulig has requested a twelve (12) month extension to pay, in equal payments, the fifty five hundred dollars (\$5,500.00). Mr. Spatola stated he would like to propose that be set in the form of a motion.

Mr. Laurella asked that the Solicitor draw up a contract. Solicitor Testa stated that an agreement could be drawn up as well as a Resolution and Mrs. Kulig can sign an agreement that she would make twelve (12) monthly payments, and in the event she misses a payment, she can be given a thirty (30) day grace period, if the thirty day grace period is missed with no payment than the full amount is due again. Solicitor Testa stated he did read the email in which Mrs. Kulig requested to pay the money over a twelve (12) month period.

Mr. Spatola stated that the motion would be to authorize Solicitor Testa to draw up the contract with Mrs. Kulig constituting all the terms.

Ms. Musso made the motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to authorize Resolution for a payment plan of 12 equal installments on a demo lien for Barbara Kulig with a (30) thirty day grace period. Roll Call Vote.

Mr. Lauermann	Yes	Ms. Musso	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

Mr. Spatola stated that there have been several Streets and Roads issues within the past several months and Mr. Spatola commended the gentlemen for doing a great job. Mr. Spatola indicated the gentlemen were very aggressive and that is a great thing. Mr. Spatola stated that Mr. Laurella touched on the subject that there was a substantial amount of rain fall and in lieu of that there was a problem with a property that was flooded. Mr. Spatola asked what was happening with that issue, Mr. Laurella stated that himself and Mr. Lauermann were going to be a meeting with the property owner, and the property owner who lives across the street. Mr. Laurella stated that the Township Engineer and the gentleman from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Mr. Lauermann stated that they are going to go out to the property and see what can be done because there is a large amount of water that is generated in that small amount of area.

Mr. Spatola stated that the Solicitor would also be informed and updated with any questions, concerns and information regarding the Streets and Roads issues. Mr. Spatola indicated there was another Streets and Roads issue that Mr. Laurella and Mr. Lauermann had dealt with regarding a public safety issue concern on Big Oak Road. Mr. Laurella stated that the Solicitor has indicated it was a Board of Education matter and Mr. Lauermann was going to look at it as a citizen problem and not a Board member problem, about some signs on Big Oak Road. Mr. Laurella stated that the Township does not want to interfere in Board of Education matters as they don't want the Board of Education to interfere in Township matters, but to work together. Mr. Spatola asked if the resident had been notified as who to call and the Clerk stated she mailed the resident a letter.

Mr. Lauermann stated there was a Board of Education meeting coming up and when he speaks to the Board as a taxpayer, he is going to ask the Board president if he has received any correspondence from the resident. Mr. Lauermann indicated that he and Mr. Laurella have spoken about reaching out to Don Olbrich and bringing him out to the

area, so when this issue comes across his desk he has an understanding of the situation and have answers to any questions anyone may have.

Mr. Lauermann stated there is a bus stop sign West bound but not one East bound, and there has been speeding issues on Big Oak Road. Mr. Lauermann indicated he has been trying to get the County to bring equipment to the site but apparently there is only one sign that alerts motorist to their speed and that equipment is out for repair.

Mr. Spatola asked where the Township was with the park fence restoration installation. Mr. Stanzione stated that a letter was sent. Solicitor Testa stated that there were two letters requesting meetings which they could not make. There is a third letter going to be mailed out, Solicitor Testa stated that his suggestion is that if the third meeting is missed the Township should take action on its own.

Mr. Lauermann stated he still sees people cutting through Lincoln Park like it is a drive way. Mr. Laurella stated that one thing that irks him is that the Township is out at the parks planting trees, which were donated, Recreation Committee donated seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) for rhododendrons to be planted at the parks and they have been run over with vehicles. Mr. Laurella indicated that it is tax payers money out there and the park was starting to look like a park and Mr. Laurella would like to see some signs so people know it is a park. Mr. Laurella stated he would like to see grass planted and wood chips placed around the dog wood trees and wants the residents of Deerfield Township to be proud that the park is looking like a park again.

Mr. Lauermann stated that the park that is on the right, heading South can be utilized, through grants from the landfill, with walking trails. Mr. Lauermann indicated he noticed a lot of people in the community walk and the areas that they walk in are heavily traveled. Mr. Lauermann stated if the Township could work with the Landfill with the recycle and grant program, the possibility is that the area could be cleared, landscaped, and a new walking surface could be put in the park, and people could go there and walk.

Mr. Spatola stated this was discussed in the past and when Mr. Wymbs was still in charge, he was at the meeting and made the Committee aware of the fact that idea was feasible but not until 2011.

Mr. Laurella thanked the maintenance department for the job well done during the snow removal. Mr. Laurella also thanked John for driving the front end loader and also removing snow.

Ms. Musso stated that at the CDC meeting on Monday night, Don Olbrich would be there to discuss what happened during the snowstorm, and Ms. Musso indicated she would give everyone an update of the meeting.

Mr. Spatola stated that he was at the Land Use Board meeting and a Hilo pad was approved under Resolution. Mr. Spatola indicated that one of the Tedesco sons applied for that and it was approved.

Mr. Spatola stated he and Mr. Stanzione attended the Recreation Committee Meeting as representatives of the Township and the Recreation Committee was discussing themes for this years Harvest Festival. Mr. Spatola indicated that a Veterans theme was discussed for the Harvest Festival, and if any one from the public had any suggestion the Recreation Committee is open to hear them.

Communications

The Clerk indicated there were no Communications this evening.

The Clerk stated there was no Resolution for Payment of Bills because we were still turning over the year, and hopefully it will be done and ready for next meeting. The Clerk indicated that this is something that has happened in the past because it is a long process, items need to be reconciled and closed out and unfortunately between the Reorganization meeting and the first meeting of the year there is not enough time to get things done.

Mr. Lauermann asked where the Township was with the cable television channels for the County Freeholders. Mr. Stanzone stated that the hold up was Commercial Township. Mr. Stanzone indicated he reached out to Comcast first and then to Commercial Township, and the hold up was Commercial Township because they had to approve it. Mr. Stanzone stated it has to do something with the system and how it works. Mr. Stanzone indicated he spoke to the Mayor of Commercial Township and tried to ruffle his feathers, which worked because he made a phone call and now that has been approved. Mr. Stanzone indicated that even though it has been approved, it will still be several months before it comes to Deerfield Township. Ms. Musso indicated it was in the hands of the State, so now the Township is waiting for State approval.

Ms. Musso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to open the Meeting to the public. The Committee Approved.

Mark Cifaloglio, 596 Kenyon Avenue, Fire Chief of Rosenhayn Fire and Rescue approached the Committee and made a statement about the Brush Truck. Mr. Cifaloglio indicated that everyone on the Committee has seen the truck, which has been sitting for a while until the Fire Company had the money to paint and letter the truck. Mr. Cifaloglio stated the primary reason for the truck is to take the wear and tear off the bigger trucks, and he gave an example, truck 29-01 was bought through a federal grant which cost the Fire Company between two hundred fifty and two hundred thousand dollars (\$250, \$260,000). Mr. Cifaloglio indicated pricing fire trucks, which is what he does all day, is going to cost four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) to replace the same truck now, and Mr. Cifaloglio stated he wants to try and get at least thirty years (30) use out of the truck. Mr. Cifaloglio stated the brush truck was going to be used for accident calls, obviously brush fires, down wire calls and also for private buildings, in which there is no way they could get to the back of the property with the big truck. Mr. Cifaloglio indicated they could also use the truck when they get calls of hunters down in the woods, which they do get on occasion. Mr. Cifaloglio stated it is a versatile piece of equipment.

Ms. Musso asked Mr. Cifaloglio when the truck would be completed. Mr. Cifaloglio stated he is looking to get the truck lettered the upcoming week, and all the equipment is on the truck and ready to be used and ready to save the Fire Company some money. Ms. Musso asked if the Fire Company did all the work of putting the equipment on the truck on their own and Mr. Cifaloglio stated they stripped it down on their own and waited to get the money to letter and paint it. Mr. Cifaloglio stated they are going to get driver training on the truck now since it is insured. Ms. Musso asked how many people it holds, Mr. Cifaloglio indicated it only holds two people.

Mr. Lauermann asked how many miles was on the truck, Mr. Cifaloglio stated it had eight (8) thousand miles, bought from Greenwich Fire Company, has no rust on it and he has all the maintenance records on the truck and it is a stick shift. Mr. Cifaloglio stated the Rosenhayn Fire Company secured it's fifth FEMA grant for fifty (\$50,000.00)

thousand dollars for new portable radios for the fire fighters, which will increase the safety of the fire fighters when they are in burning buildings and dangerous atmospheres, and also Mr. Cifaloglio would like to ask Mr. Tedesco if the Fire Company could utilize the heliport if need be.

Mr. Laurella stated that someone is coming out to indicate the exact spot of the heliport, in which way the helicopter comes in and goes out. Mr. Cifaloglio stated that there is normally an emergency landing zone set up where they can commandeer any hundred by hundred landing area and do emergency landings.

Mr. Stanzione stated he spoke to the Rosenhayn Rescue Chief and he is coming up with a list, because there are pagers and radios that are missing, and bring it to the attention of Solicitor Testa. Mr. Stanzione indicated once the list is completed they will send it out and act on it to get the radios and pagers back.

Mr. Victor Balaguer, 772 Sherman Avenue approached the Committee and asked about a purchase order from 12/01/2009. Mr. Balaguer stated he could not imagine anyone paying (\$503.75) five hundred three dollars and seventy five cents for a pair of six inch diagonal pliers. Mr. Laurella asked to see the paper work and was reading over the paperwork. Mr. Laurella asked Mr. Cifaloglio to look at the purchase order and try to explain. Mr. Cifaloglio stated it was not one pair, it was forty (40) pairs of cutting pliers for every fire fighter to put in their turn out gear, in the event of a collapse of drop ceilings or other situations. Mr. Cifaloglio asked if it was from H&R Hardware, the Clerk stated it was but also there were some items that were purchased for the Harvest Festival which was also on the purchase order.

Mr. Balaguer stated to Mr. Laurella he was till waiting for a response regarding the issue they had discussed. Mr. Laurella stated they would speak after the meeting.

There being no comments to come before the Committee, Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Ms. Musso to close the Meeting to the public. The Committee Approved.

There being nothing further to come before the Committee Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Ms. Musso 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

