

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

February 17, 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 Deputy Clerk was at a Joint Insurance Fund Meeting in Vineland, and the Deputy Clerk, Cheryl Tramontana, filled in for her.

The Deputy Clerk took roll call and members present included Ms. Musso, Mr. Stanzione, Mr. Laurella, Mr. Lauer mann and Mr. Spatola.

Departmental Reports

The Deputy Clerk presented reports from the Construction Official, Zoning/Housing Officer, Treasurer and Fire Marshal.

Mr. Lauer mann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione, to accept and file the departmental reports. The Committee approved.

Resolutions

The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #10-81 Refunding Taxes As A Result Of State Tax Appeal Judgment To John H. Reilly, Jr., For Block 17, Lot 11. (National Refrigerant)

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione, to adopt Resolution #10-81. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #10-82 Extending The Grace Period For First Quarter Taxes For The Year 2010.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauer mann, to adopt Resolution #10-82. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #10-83 Authorizing The Mayor And Clerk To Execute The 2010 Municipal Safety Contract With The Joint Insurance Fund.

Ms. Musso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione, to adopt Resolution #10-83. Roll Call Vote:

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

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The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #10-84 Approving The Payment Of Demolition Tax Lien For Block 76, Lot 5 In Deerfield Township. (Kulig Property)

Solicitor Testa stated that Ms. Kulig has written to him asking that she be given a little more time and change the payment schedule anywhere between eighteen (18) months and twenty four (24) months which would change the monthly payments that were sent to the Township Clerk. He stated that if the Township Committee is not inclined to extend it beyond the twelve (12) month period of time then the resolution could be voted on tonight but if they would like to consider it, then it could be tabled and put it on for the next meeting.

Mr. Stanzione stated that if the Committee passed the resolution she would have to pay in twelve months, and Solicitor Testa stated that Mr. Stanzione was correct.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauremann, to adopt Resolution #10-84. Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

Mr. Laurella stated that the Streets and Roads Department Chairpersons are going to wait for the snow to clear and then meet with the residents again along Maxon Avenue but nothing can be done until the snow is gone. He also stated that they would be looking into the streetlights as to which ones need to be taken away and adding some at intersections especially that do not have any.

Mr. Lauermann stated that there is so much lighting in the Township and a lot of areas that need to be illuminated but they are going to relocate some and then omit some because the cost of the lighting is too high.

Chairperson Spatola asked the Committee Members if everyone picked up their copy of the Policy Manual they had talked about reviewing and have a meeting to discuss any changes or alterations they find necessary. The Committee stated that they had all received it. Chairperson Spatola stated that at the next meeting they would discuss recommendations that each Committee person may have.

Mr. Lauermann stated that he went out to the area concerning the bus stop issue and spoke to Mr. Olbrich and they were able to get them to add a sign heading east and west bound. He stated that the Township had spoke about this quite some time ago but did not want to get involved with the Board of Education affairs. Mr. Lauermann stated that when the resident contacted him he stated that a sign had been placed out there but was obscured by a telephone pole so he reached out to Mr. Olbrich and asked him why it was placed there and he stated that the Regional School District had asked for it. He stated that he had spoke in detail about what the Township Committee had talked about and he said that he said it was a safety issue not a Board of Education issue because he did not want to move a bus stop or modify it. He stated that the sign needs to specify a bus stop ahead and that it should be handled through the Road Department.

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Mr. Lauermann stated that the large sign is going to be pushed back so it is visible to read in enough time so then you will see the new Bus Stop Ahead sign and then once you reach the hill the bus stop is there. He also stated that once the snow is gone the speed trailer would be placed out there for two (2) weeks one on each side to let the drivers be aware of the speed they are traveling on this particular road. Mr. Lauermann stated that he received a phone call from Mr. Weiss stating that in the morning while he was waiting for one of his children to be dropped off an individual motorist crested the hill and noticed that the vehicle was in inches of smashing into the bus so hopefully when the snow is gone the speed trailer will make the residents more aware of the speed they are driving and will slow them down.

Mr. Lauermann stated that he wanted to know why the Trooper that was present here once a month has not shown up. Ms. Musso stated that other Townships do not have their Trooper speaking at every meeting only when they are needed or available. She stated that years ago we used to have a Community Officer so every meeting we would have him but with them taking away that Officer we only get him when available. Ms. Musso stated that we could request him to be here at a specific meeting if necessary.

Mr. Laurella asked that the Township Clerk to contact the Station Commander at the Bridgeton Barracks and ask that someone get in touch with Mr. Lauermann with the issues in question.

New Business

The Deputy Clerk stated that there was no new business discussed this evening.

Communications

The Deputy Clerk stated that there were no communications this evening.

The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #10-85 For The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Ms. Musso, to adopt Resolution #10-85. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann, to open the meeting to the public. The Committee approved.

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

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

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Frank R. Spatola, Jr., Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Cheryl Tramontana, Deputy Clerk
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