

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

May 5, 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 7:15 p.m.

Chairperson Spatola led the flag salute.

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

The Clerk presented Minutes of April 7th, and April 21st, 2010.

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

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2010-2 Second Reading And Public Hearing Of An Ordinance Providing For Salaries And Compensation Of The Officers And Employees Of The Township Of Deerfield, Cumberland County, New Jersey.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Ms. Musso to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2010-2. The Committee Approved.

There being no comment from the public, Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2010-2. The Committee Approved.

Ms. Musso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to adopt Ordinance #2010-2 On Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Adoption. Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #10-101 Authorizing A Person-To-Person Transfer Of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0603-33-004-005 Heretofore Issued To Jumpette 224, Inc. T/A Tattletales East For Premises Located At 565 Landis Avenue, In The Township Of Deerfield, County Of Cumberland, And State Of New Jersey To 565 Landis LLC

The Clerk stated that the State Police report was in the Committee's Packet, and the gentleman who purchased the property was present if the Committee had any questions. Mr. Laurella stated it would be nice if the owner would introduce himself to the Committee and prepare to answer a few questions.

Mr. Steven Paik approached the Committee and stated he was at the meeting on behalf of his brother Joe Paik, who is the licensee of the property. Mr. Spatola asked Mr. Paik if his brother's intention was to leave the business as it was or if he had bigger aspirations for the property and business. Mr. Paik stated he believed his brother had big aspirations for the property, Mr. Paik would like to renovate the entire building inside and out, and stated that the business was not ran very well, and his brother intends to make great improvements to the business.

Mr. Spatola asked Mr. Paik if his brother intended to leave the business as the same type of business, Mr. Paik stated yes it would remain the same type of business, but it will be classier. Mr. Spatola stated that the Committee welcomes business into the community, hopes the lines of communication between the business and the Township Committee remain open, and that Mr. Paik respects the rules and regulations of the Township and goes through the proper channels of permits and such. Mr. Paik stated he and his brother will try to cooperate to the regulations of the Township and be the best citizens they can be to the Township, and even though the nature of the business is a gentlemen's club, he can assure the Committee that the business will be ran like a business and there will be nothing underhanded.

Mr. Laurella stated he hopes Mr. Paik is being sincere in speaking for his brother, because the last person who spoke for someone, promised to keep a business top notch and it wasn't long before the place fell apart. Mr. Paik stated that next year when they come up for renewal, they will see how well the business is ran and kept. Mr. Laurella wished Mr. Paik and his brother the best in the business.

Mr. Lauermann asked Mr. Paik if they were going to close the business during renovations. Mr. Paik stated once the license was transferred and the bank secures the loan, the business would be closed for about six (6) weeks for renovations. Mr. Lauermann asked if they would be doing the work themselves or if they would be getting contractors, Mr. Paik stated they would be looking into contractors. Mr. Lauermann asked if they were familiar with the Zoning Officer, Mr. Anthony Lamanteer and Mr. Paik stated they were not but their attorney is a resident of Deerfield Township, and can guide them in the right direction.

Mr. Spatola thanked Mr. Paik for coming and speaking to the Committee and wished him luck with the business.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to adopt Resolution #10-101. Roll Call Vote.

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #10-102 To Cancel Outstanding Account Payable.

The Clerk stated that the auditors were in touch with her and there were a couple of outstanding accounts payable that needed to be cancelled prior to the audit and the resolution is in the Committee's packet.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #10-102 Roll Call Vote.

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #10-103 Reappointing Albert Stanely, Chief Financial Officer For The Township Of Deerfield.

The Clerk stated she knows that Mr. Stanley was just appointed to fill the unexpired term of the previous Chief Financial Officer, but the term is up at the end of the month, and Mr. Stanley would like to stay on if the Committee so chooses.

The Clerk stated that Mr. Stanley is well liked, he has brought everything back to where it was and everyone is happy with him. Mr. Spatola stated he believes Mr. Stanley is doing a fantastic job and is more than qualified to perform the duties of Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Ms. Musso to adopt Resolution #10-103. Roll Call Vote.

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

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports from Department Chairpersons.

Mr. Spatola stated he was contacted by Mr. John Barbagello and brought up to date with the FEMA situation. Mr. Spatola indicated that it was brought to his attention that FEMA will be dealing personally with each homeowner who put forth an application, the process will not be handled through the State or Township, but directly through FEMA. Mr. Spatola indicated that it will be another week or so before FEMA makes it's decision on whether or not Cumberland County was considered a disaster area or not.

Mr. Spatola stated he was unable to attend the meeting that was held in the field of Maxon Avenue, and applauds Mr. Laurella for putting together that meeting, because there were a lot of people involved and a lot of schedules to coordinate, and Mr. Spatola was surprised that so many people showed up. Mr. Spatola indicated that it was brought to his attention by the Clerk, that after that meeting, they send out notification to all the residents involved that the situation at Maxon Avenue and advised that there will be a public meeting, and they are urged to attend, if the residents do not attend then they do not have a right to complain about Maxon Avenue. Mr. Spatola stated he called Steve Boyer and he stated he was working on the situation, and thinks the report may be done by the 19th of May but it may not be done. Mr. Spatola stated the Engineer wants to see Mr. Boyer's report before he presents his findings.

Mr. Laurella stated that Mr. Boyer is going to look into the situation and look at the history of it and there were minutes from nineteen ninety four (1994) and Mrs. Charlotte Brago elaborates about the property and now the Committee has to wait for the report to be ready. Mr. Laurella stated there are other people with flooding as well, not just Maxon Avenue. Mr. Spatola stated that his concern is that he read the minutes, and what was happening in nineteen ninety four (1994), all the complaining, and griping and flooding, and it is still happening, why was nothing done. Mr. Spatola stated he understands the Committee has a lot on their plate but they can not let things pile up.

Mr. Laurella stated that the piece of property would cost homeowners, or property owners in the future, a fortune if they want to build on that piece of property. Mr. Laurella indicated all that goes into trying to build on a piece of property and the money it can cost. Mr. Spatola stated that the general consensus is that the liability does not belong to the Committee, and that is what the meeting is about, who holds the liability and stand for the issue. Mr. Laurella stated that there are property owners that state they do not want the water coming from that property onto their property and they have a right to feel that way. Mr. Spatola agreed and indicated they need to have patience to see what the report says and take it from there.

Mr. Stanzione stated the Rosenhayn Fire Company was doing well, they are in need of another ambulance, but that will be discussed at a later date. Recreation Committee is putting a new gate around the lights, because there was a problem with the lights being on after ten o'clock and there will be a box that will be locked to ensure the lights can not be turned on.

Mr. Laurella stated a couple of weeks ago he met with the Cumberland County Improvement Authority to discuss the trash pick up along the roads, the CCIA informed Mr. Laurella that SLAP went down along the roads on the weekend and picked up a lot of trash. Mr. Laurella stated he was informed there was a lot of trash and bottles along Kenyon Avenue, and indicated that the trucks don't go down that road, which can only mean that people are throwing trash out of their vehicles as they drive down Kenyon Avenue. Mr. Laurella stated the meeting was over in fifteen minutes and they are going to meet again on Monday. Mr. Laurella indicated he was alone at the meeting so he didn't discuss anything other than the trash, but at the following meeting, he and Mr. Stanzione will ask the CCIA for monies for the Deerfield Township School, within reason. Mr. Laurella stated there has been talk about the dumpster at the school, which costs sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) to get there trash picked up, he does not know how that came about but he wants to look into that situation.

Mr. Spatola asked Mr. Laueremann about the speed limit machine that was placed on Big Oak Road. Mr. Laueremann stated that the State Police have been kind enough to let the Township use their speed limit trailer wherever the Township has a complaint of speeding. Mr. Laueremann indicated the State Police go to his home, he takes them where the speeding problem is, they decide where to put the trailer and they leave it there for a couple of weeks. Mr. Laueremann stated the trailer at the moment, is on Big Oak Road, at the bend before getting to the Pittsgrove Township line, because a motorist was hit in that area. Mr. Laueremann stated there is still no bus stop sign within one hundred (100) feet of the bend, he has spoken to Don Olbrich, Mr. Olbrich has someone he has to go to and the consensus is that a sign can't be put just anywhere. Mr. Laueremann then stated it's not that he wants one there for no reason, there is a bus stop there with no signage. Mr. Laueremann also indicated that Mr. Olbrich brought to his attention that the County is cutting back on their mowing program and they will no longer cut back to the wood lines on any of the County roads that go through the Township. The County is going to make one swipe and that's it, about five feet wide. Mr. Laueremann stated he has also brought to Mr. Olbrich's attention several intersections in the Township that are not being maintained, he is giving Mr. Olbrich a couple of weeks and if nothing is done Mr. Laueremann will contact Mr. Olbrich again, and possibly send pictures of the intersections.

Mr. Spatola asked if the speed trailer would- find it's way to Greenman Avenue eventually. Mr. Spatola indicated that he has had several complaints of speeding on that road, like it was a race track. Mr. Laueremann stated once the sign is moved the State Police will keep track and write tickets. Mr. Laueremann stated that since the speed trailer has been on Big Oak Road the resident who brought the speeding to the Committee's attention, stated he has noticed a decrease in people speeding. Mr. Laueremann stated he believes the next location for the speed trailer can be Greenman Avenue.

Ms. Musso stated that May is Older American's Month, and May 5th was the first day that the seniors received something, Rita's Water Ice donated water ice to the seniors and they were very excited. Ms. Musso stated that a donation of a special treat will be made every Wednesday for the Month of May, and also the Senior Luncheon will be held on May 20th.

New Business

There was no new business this evening.

Communications

The Clerk indicated there were no Communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #10-104 Authorizing The Payment of Bills.

Ms. Musso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to adopt Resolution #10-104. Roll Call Vote.

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

Public Hearing

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

Mr. John Barbagello, Emergency Management Coordinator approached the Committee and stated that FEMA will deal with the residents directly once and if the grant is approved for disaster area in the Township. Mr. Barbagello stated that FEMA will contact the County coordinator and local coordinator as to what is going to happen. Mr. Barbagello indicated that FEMA went out to about one hundred eighty residents. Mr. Barbagello stated that he has brought applications into the Municipal Building in case any one needs them, and indicated that FEMA will notify Mr. Barbagello as what will be happening.

Mr. Lauermann asked if the grant does go through for FEMA if some type of advertisement will be had, Ms. Musso stated yes, on the sign in front of the building, and the website.

There being no other comments to come before the Committee, Mr. Stanzione 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.

Frank Spatola, Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield

