

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

January 19, 2011

Chairperson Stanzone 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 Stanzone led the flag salute.

The 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. Spatola, Mr. Laurella, Mr. Lauermaun and Mr. Stanzone.

Minutes

The Deputy Clerk presented the minutes from December 15th, and 29th, 2010.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Ms. Musso, to accept the minutes as written. The Committee agreed.

Departmental Reports

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

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermaun, to accept and file the departmental reports. The Committee agreed.

Ordinances

The Deputy Clerk presented Ordinance #2011-1 A First Reading Of An Ordinance Revising Permitted Hours Of Sale Of Alcoholic Beverages Within The Township Of Deerfield.

Ms. Musso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Ordinance #2011-1 On First Reading, To Set Wednesday, February 2nd, 2011, For Second Reading, Public Hearing And Final Adoption. Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Musso	Yes	Mr. Lauermaun	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Chairperson Stanzone	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes		

Resolutions

The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #11-69 Certifying The List Of Volunteer Firefighters Who Have Qualified For The Length Of Service Award Program (LOSAP) Benefits For The Year 2010.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermaun, to adopt Resolution #11-69. Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Musso	Yes	Mr. Lauermaun	Yes
Mr. Spatola	Yes	Chairperson Stanzone	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes		

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The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #11-70 Authorizing The Mayor And Clerk To Execute A Discharge Of Mortgage Between The Township Of Deerfield And Lillian Serrano-Jones Owner Of 572 Mulberry Street In The Township Of Deerfield.

Mr. Lauermann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella, to adopt Resolution #11-70. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #11-71 Calling On The State Legislature And The Governor To Exempt The Reserve For Uncollected Taxes From The 2% Cap.

Ms. Musso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #11-71. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #11-72 Supporting A Repeal Of Sick Leave Injury.

Before adopting this resolution, Mr. Laurella asked if it could be explained to him because it was the first time he was seeing it along with Ms. Musso who stated she had seen this for the first time this evening also. The Deputy Clerk stated that the Township Clerk had the next six (6) resolutions on the agenda and if asked they pertained to the JIF. Mr. Laurella stated that the Committee should table the rest of the resolutions one by one until they received more information on them.

Mr. Laurella made a motion to table the next resolutions.

Solicitor Testa stated that he had a chance to speed read it and he thinks what it really is after first looking at it is a resolution supporting a repeal of sick leave injury that is going to the Governor and the Legislature because it is now costing an estimate of \$2,520.00 per full time employee to the Municipalities.

Mr. Spatola stated that it is the Committee's support of the JIF Fund that is administrating this appeal to the Governor and Solicitor Testa stated yes.

Solicitor Testa stated that they appear to be resolutions that the JIF is recommending to the municipalities.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Laurella made a motion to table the rest of the resolutions, but is superceded by the seconded motion to adopt Resolution #11-72 by Mr. Spatola. Roll Call Vote:

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

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The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #11-73 Supporting S-2404 Capping Attorney Fees In Litigation Against Public Entities.

Ms. Musso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #11-73.
Roll Call Vote:

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

The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #11-74 Supporting A-3430 To Amend Title 59 By Strengthening Weather Immunity.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Ms. Musso, to adopt Resolution #11-74.
Roll Call Vote:

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

The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #11-75 Supporting A-3431 To Amend Title 59 By Granting Immunity To Public Entities For Sidewalk Injuries Where The Homeowner Is Responsible For Sidewalk Maintenance By Ordinance.

Mr. Lauermann made a motion, seconded by Ms. Musso, to adopt Resolution #11-75. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #11-76 Supporting S-233 And A-3432 To Amend Title 59 To Provide Immunities For Beaches, Boardwalks And Similar Property.

Mr. Lauermann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #11-76. Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

Chairperson Stanzone stated that the newer ambulance is down and the Township is in negotiations with Ford Motor Company but he does not know how long it will be out but the Township is trying to get a representative to come down and look at the truck to see what can be done permanently with it so we do not have these future problems. He stated in the mean time the Rescue is using the old ambulance which is not in tiptop shape so the Township will be moving as fast it can to replace the ambulance. Chairperson Stanzone stated that the Township has ordered a new ambulance and it will be ready for pickup on January 28th, 2011.

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Mr. Lauermann stated that last Friday he spoke to the Chief of the Bridgeton Fire Department and they have a piece of equipment that is rather new but are having mechanical issues with it and right now they are waiting to hear who is responsible for repairing their ladder truck. He stated that it holds water and can not sit outside but the cost itself should be considered as to where it should be kept and the Bridgeton Fire Department have helped us in the past with equipment and things and they wanted to know if they could store this particular fire truck temporarily in one of the bays in the Carmel building. Mr. Lauermann stated that with what they have done for us in the past Ms. Musso and himself being Chair and Co-Chair of Buildings and Grounds this year along with collected opinions of the rest of the Committee we did not have a problem it. He stated that there may have been some misconceptions about what his intent was after he spoke with them but at no time was there ever a chance that they were going to be waiting for us to say yes or no. Mr. Lauermann stated that he does not know where that came from but he wanted to put that to rest this evening, the only concern he had was he wanted to bring it out in public form about what the Township's intention was helping out the Bridgeton Fire Company and any other municipality in the future. He stated that he did tell the Chief that in order to get the ball rolling it would be brought up at the next meeting the following week and he told him that if the truck were to come anytime before that the Committee would do everything they could to get it in the Carmel building. Mr. Lauermann stated that they are not sure how long it will stay there because they are debating with the company that installed the equipment on the fire truck so they do not have confirmed timeline but he told them that would not be a big concern with the Committee. He stated that they do not access to the fire hall on a daily basis and it will remain secure.

Mr. Spatola stated that he was kept in form about the procedure of the fire truck being stored at the Carmel Building and he supports Mr. Lauermann's and Ms. Musso's Committee suggestions one hundred percent and he believes it is the right thing to do to reach out to these people. He stated that it has been about a year ago that Mr. Lauremann and himself were approached when Mr. Lauermann was on buildings and grounds by a gentleman who was the leader of a Outreach Support Team for teens and he just wanted to remind the Township Committee that the building is still over there and now that the Fire Hall has been sitting there now for two (2) years and they had told this gentleman a year ago that before anything happened with the fire hall he was very just cause to use it and but it never went anywhere. Mr. Spatola stated that his only intention is to bring it up again before the Committee that the building is still sitting there nothing being done with it and we are still supporting it and maybe we need to bring this a little closer as to making some plans to do something with this building. He stated that it is going to cost more money to maintain which we know we do not have because of the budget cuts and especially with all the maintenance that needs to be done with the Municipal Building and our immediate structures.

Ms. Musso stated that she does not believe anyone has forgotten about the building and actually it is an asset to the Township and a lot of Townships do not have this so we need to consider this too.

Mr. Laurella agreed with Ms. Musso and stated that we are storing equipment in that building and another garage could not built because of cost and space because you can not expand because of the septic being in the way and if the Township wants to do something for the people in Carmel we have a building there that can help. He stated that there are a lot of people who would like to use the building but right now it is a good storage place for the Township.

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Mr. Laueremann stated that Mr. Napier approached him at a School Board Meeting about the Outreach Program for our local youth who may encounter drugs or alcohol within their family or they are abusing themselves and he has asked him what the status was of the Carmel Building. He stated that he is still interested in knowing what the Township is going to do because he is looking to set a program and a place for the community members to come to mentor and get the help that is needed.

Chairperson Stanzione stated that we sent a letter to the State a few months ago about a no passing zone on Landis Avenue and would like to know if the Township ever received an answer from them. The Deputy Clerk stated that he would have to speak to the Clerk that she was not aware if they responded back or not. He stated that if the Township did not get a response we needed to send another letter to the State telling them that we are still waiting on an answer in a dangerous no passing zone.

Mr. Spatola stated that he would like to thank Pete Jilinski for his participation in leadership when we went to New York and wanted to say that Rosenhayn Fire and Rescue have members of the Task Force in the State of New Jersey and should be very proud of this and uphold our responsibilities very seriously and when the call went out for us to go to New York City to help people which had approximately three thousand (3,000) primary injuries which included heart attacks, seizures, people were dying from these things that were twelve (12) hour delays because of the bad weather they put out a call out to the State of New Jersey and it trickled down to Cumberland County and Mr. Jilinski headed this and got that organized and Mr. Spatola does applaud him and thank him a lot for keeping such good communications between yourself, himself and the rest of the Committee and the liaisons and appreciates everything he had done and this is an example of how things should be done.

New Business

The Deputy Clerk presented an Application For Raffle License For The 4-H Advisory Committee –Off Premises Raffle On June 1st, 2011.

Ms. Musso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to approve the Application For Raffle License For The 4-H Advisory Committee – Off Premises Raffle On June 1st 2011. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Laurella stated that there is a Forty Five Thousand (\$45,000.00) street light bill and we had talked about cutting some lights out last year. He stated that we need to pursue this and Mr. Laueremann and himself can go out and make a recommendation what lights to come out and bring them back to the Township. He stated that the Township should save the lights at intersections, bad curves and any hills.

Mr. Laueremann stated that the Governor gave the BPU permission to raise utility rates again so the shortfall last year may be added up to twenty five percent (25%) increase in what the Township had to move over to cover the electric bill from last year. He stated that we really need to buckle down and talk about investing in technologies that are going to lower our overhead and he knows it is a tight budget year but we also have to look into being able to save the year after and after that as these costs increase.

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

The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #11-77 For The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #11-77. Roll Call Vote:

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

Ms. Musso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to open the meeting to the public. The Committee agreed.

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

There being no other business to come before the Committee, Ms. Musso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adjourn the meeting. The Committee approved.

John Stanzione, Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Cheryl Tramontana, Deputy Clerk
Township of Deerfield