

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

March 16, 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 Ocean City, 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. Lauermann and Mr. Stanzone.

Departmental Reports

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

Ms. Musso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to accept and file the departmental reports. The Committee approved.

Ordinances

The Deputy Clerk presented Ordinance #2011-2 A Second Reading And Public Hearing Of An Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:-45.14).

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Ms. Musso, to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2011. The Committee approved.

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

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Ordinance #2011-2 On Second Reading and Final Adoption. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Deputy Clerk presented Ordinance #2011-3 A First Reading Of An Ordinance To Provide For Payment To The Township Of Deerfield For The Provision Of Emergency Services Rendered By Rosenhayn Fire And Rescue.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann, to adopt Ordinance #2011-3 On First Reading, To Set Wednesday, April 6th, 2011 For Second Reading, Public Hearing And Final Adoption. Roll Call Vote:

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

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Solicitor Testa stated that Chairperson Stanzone asked him if he had went over the Ordinance and he stated that he had and it was provided to him by the Township Clerk. He stated that it is nearly identical to one that is being utilized in Buena Borough.

Before proceeding, Administrative Sergeant Dave Gilcrest from the Bridgeton State Trooper Barracks, came before the Committee to introduce himself to the Committee to let them know that he would be replacing Trooper Stanker since he has been reassigned and that he would be attending the Township Meeting until he returns or maybe permanently. He stated that if the Committee has any concerns or anything that needs to be relayed to the station he would be the contact.

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The Deputy Clerk stated that the 2011 Municipal Budget Of the Township Of Deerfield Is \$1,539,432.53 And The Local Purpose Tax Will Be Five (5) Cents Per One Hundred Dollars Of Assessed Valuation For 2011. A Summary Of The 2011 Budget Will Be Published In The Bridgeton Evening News On Wednesday, April 6, 2011. Public Hearing And Final Adoption Of The 2011 Budget Will Be Held On Wednesday, April 20, 2011.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella, to adopt the 2011 Municipal Budget On First Reading, To Set Wednesday, April 20th, 2011 For Second Reading, Public Hearing And Final Adoption. Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolutions

The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #11-91 Amending The Temporary Budget.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann, to adopt Resolution #11-91. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #11-92 To Cancel Reserve For Master Plan Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53.

Ms. Musso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #11-92. Roll Call Vote:

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

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The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #11-93 Awarding A Contract To Sweetwater Environmental Management, LLC As A Licensed Operator For Water Treatment Systems.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #11-93. Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

Mr. Laurella stated that Mr. Lauermann and himself would be meeting tomorrow afternoon with the Township Solicitor, Township Engineer and Property Owners in question on Maxon Avenue. He stated that he does not know what will come out of this meeting but once the information becomes available they will share it with the Township Committee at the next meeting.

Ms. Musso stated that the Easter Egg Hunt is still scheduled for April 16th, 2011.

Chairperson Stanzione stated that the Rosenhayn Fire and Rescue had both of the ambulances go to Trenton on Monday and had them state certified which we needed to have when the Township has the Fire Company start the billing.

Ms. Musso stated the meeting on March 29th, 2011 is still set for the three (3) Cities and Municipalities to meet with Carol Cummings for the discussion about the Joint Court Service and Mr. Spatola, Mr. Lauermann, Ms. Seifrit and herself would be attending.

Mr. Lauermann stated that Sergeant Gilcrest and himself spoke briefly before the meeting started about a resident who came before the Committee a month or so about some areas of speeding. He stated that last year the Committee had took care of a lot of this with the help of the Bridgeton State Police with their speed limit trailer and wrote quite a lot of tickets in the northern section of town due to speeding issues and school bus issues. Mr. Lauermann stated that this particular resident spoke about some other issues on the southern end of town and the speed limit trailer that they were kind enough to let us borrow is in need of repair. He stated that Sergeant Gilcrest is going to look into when the repairs will be finished so that the Township can have that speed limit trailer set up in other areas where there has been some speeding problems.

Mr. Laurella stated that Chairperson Stanzione and himself about five (5) or six (6) years ago negotiated with the Cumberland County Improvement Authority about free dumping for our residents. He stated that they were kind to us and gave us the free dumping and the Township just had to get the stickers to give to each one of our Township residents. Mr. Laurella stated that recently there was a problem where one resident did not have his new dump pass and gave the Improvement Authority a hard time. He stated that he went to the Landfill last Saturday and they were checking at the Guard House and right at the dumpster and are writing down numbers of the ones who did not have their dump pass on their vehicle. Mr. Laurella stated that if they come back without the dump pass on their car they will have to leave until they put it on their vehicle.

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New Business

Mr. Laurella stated that the Township has a State School on Morton Avenue and he does not know where the State will be putting those children. He stated that he would like a letter to go to our Legislators and ask them to try and reconsider a way to keep our building open.

Ms. Musso stated that there is a lot of employment that will be lost if they do this and with Cumberland County already being high on unemployment we do not need the eleven hundred jobs (1100) lost in the County.

Mr. Spatola stated that this is a very tough issue because he spoke to an individual about this and what he learned was that due to however society is doing better, the Township does not want a place like this to close because of the employment and fiscal benefits but on the other hand it costs so much to run this place and the people are being mainstreamed and put back into society. He stated that maybe the therapy is getting better then it was forty years ago so they are seeing that more people are being helped to a point where they can adjust to make it on their own so they are taken out of there and it is really become a matter of numbers where there are just not enough beds full.

Ms. Musso stated that instead of closing it, shrink it because more and more people are being put back into mainstream. She also stated that she would like to have everyone sign the letter before it goes out because she believes it is more meaningful that way versus signing it just by the Administrator.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Ms. Musso, to send a letter to the Legislatures asking them not to close the State Developmental Centers. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Laurella stated that in the past the Committee has been giving the Seniors a luncheon for Older Americans Month. He stated that it came up this week that instead of the luncheon knowing that money is scarce the seniors agreed on having ice cream and cake and maybe Chairperson Stanzione and anyone else who were not working can help and make them ice cream sundaes and serve cake.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Ms. Musso, to have the luncheon for the Older Americans Month on Wednesday, May 18th, 2011 and serve ice cream sundaes and cake. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Spatola stated that he spoke to Mr. D'Agostino about a gentleman he knows in Hammonton who at one time was from Deerfield Township. He stated that he gave Mr. D'Agostino a postcard dated 1907 in extremely good shape and it was taken to Dom's Photo to be restored. Mr. Spatola stated that there is a banner that says Rosenhayn Senior High School and a giant brick building on the postcard which he had never seen before and it sat over where the park is on the east side of Morton Avenue.

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He stated that it was a great idea and Mr. D'Agostino stated that it meant a lot to him but he is getting older and would like to see this in the hands of the Township maybe on display in the School's Lobby or the Municipal Building. Mr. Spatola stated that he told him he would bring it up to the Committee this evening to discuss having his sister, brother and himself who had spent ninety five percent (95%) of their life here in Deerfield Township and let them give this to the Township. He stated that it would be nice to reach out to the newspaper and have a picture of them doing a presentation to Mr. Laurella who is on our Historian Committee or the Mayor at our next meeting on April 6th, 2011. The Committee agreed.

Communications

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

The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #11-94 For The Payment Of Bills.

Ms. Musso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #11-94.
Roll Call Vote:

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

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

John Barbagello, Emergency Management Coordinator, came before the Committee to let them know that he is working with FEMA on the reimbursement for the Township during the snow storms this past winter and there will be a meeting to hopefully finalize it tomorrow here at the building at 12:30 p.m. and was letting the Mayor and Mr. Laurella know being the Chairperson for Streets and Roads if they would like to come they are more then welcome.

He also stated that Mr. Williams and himself went to Philadelphia for the kickoff of the smoke alarms on Tuesday and they gave them a very nice dinner.

There being no other comment from the public, Ms. Musso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to close the meeting to the public. The Committee approved.

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

John Stanzione, Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Cheryl Tramontana, Deputy Clerk
Township of Deerfield