

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

May 18, 2011

Chairperson Stanzione 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 Stanzione 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. Lauermaun and Mr. Stanzione.

Departmental Reports

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

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

Resolutions

The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #11-112 Amending The 2011 Municipal Budget Of The Township Of Deerfield To Insert A Special Item Of Revenue And Appropriation In The Amount Of \$4,733.07 From The Clean Communities Grant Program.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella, to adopt Resolution #11-112. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution #11-113 Authorizing The Refund For The Overpayment Of Taxes.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermaun, to adopt Resolution #11-113. Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

Mr. Laurella stated that they are going to start doing South Shiloh Avenue Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011. He stated that he spoke to Chuck Fralinger, Township Engineer around three o'clock this afternoon and South State has notified all the residents on this street to let them know that they will be blacktopping at this time.

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Mr. Laurella stated that on Landis Avenue a few months ago the Township sent a letter to the State about double lines on Landis Avenue, and after meeting with them the State noted that the view was pretty good and the lines were not needed but would put more No Stopping/Standing signs. He stated that he had spotted the other day double lines from Canhouse Road in Pittsgrove Township towards approximately a thousand feet on the other side of the railroad on Landis Avenue.

He would like to know why this Township can have double lines in this area and Deerfield Township can not have double lines from Spruce Street to Major Petroleum. Mr. Laurella stated that he will be calling the gentleman up at the State and would like to have him come out again and go over the same situation with him and if necessary he will take him out to Norma and show the double lines in that area.

Mr. Spatola asked the Streets and Road Department Liaisons when Vineland Avenue would be finished because he has been getting a lot of questions concerning this road.

Mr. Laurella stated that they would have to call the County because it is a County Road and one of the reasons that he knows of is because Verizon is trying to move the poles.

Chairperson Stanzione stated that the Fire Company has started billing but have not received any funds yet but we should receive something by the second week of June.

Chairperson Stanzione stated that Mr. Laurella and himself met with Cumberland County Improvement Authority and they were told that they would not be able to help the Township with the ambulance. He stated that they have financial difficulties but Mr. Laurella and himself made some suggestions but whether they will consider them or not we do not know. Chairperson Stanzione stated he let them know that they need to have some better communication with the Township and when they are building something they need to come in front of the Planning and Zoning Board to let the Township know what is going on but that the fees would be waived. He also stated that they would be bringing the Township a copy of the budget line by line so everyone could examine it and have our Auditor look at it.

Ms. Musso stated that the Recreation had their meeting and Youth Week will be on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and will start at 6:00 p.m. She stated that the theme for the essay and poster contest would be on patriotism. Ms. Musso also stated that the rose garden was brought up that the Myers family had requested and the Recreation Committee does not have a problem with it but instead of having it at the LoBiondo Park because of the activities that are there especially with the Harvest Festival, they suggested having it at the Lincoln Park either east or west.

Mr. Laurella asked who would be responsible in taking care of having the rose garden and Ms. Musso stated that the Myers family has said that they will maintain it. He stated that is fine because the Township only has two men in Maintenance working the grounds in the Township.

Mr. Spatola stated that as great of an idea he believes this is, after reading the memo that he received in his bin it brought about some concerns. He stated that he has the utmost respect for the Myers family but he thinks that the Township needs to realize that there is a fixed amount of real estate, fixed amount of space in the parks and even though they are willing to completely take care of the rose garden he always looks at the greater picture.

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He stated that when next year comes around and someone passes away that family may approach the Committee and state that they would like to do something in the other park and a memorial would be great because they have lived in Deerfield Township all their lives. Mr. Spatola asked the Committee how we could tell them they would not be allowed to do it whether it is bigger or smaller than what was done by someone else before them. He stated that he sees that this is a great thing to do but it could lead to a lot of other people asking the same thing.

Ms. Musso stated that they would have to bring it to the Recreation Committee and once the Committee decided that it would not be a problem, a plan would have to be brought in showing what they were planning on doing.

Mr. Spatola stated that an alternative idea that he has would be to do a memorial because there are a lot of families that have been here for years and a lot of admirable people who have passed on and to memorialize them is a great thing, so his thought was to come up with some type of monument, plaque, sign or an area to use for the memorial. He stated that if someone passes and a family member states that they were a great part of this Township and they loved living here and wants to do a memorial then the Committee has this and has already approved it to add the name and the family can then pay for a plaque or whatever it may be and put it on this surface. He stated that if there is one central location this would be better for not only the Township but for the spaces that may be needed for future requests.

After further discussion, Chairperson Stanzione stated that it sounds really good but the Township needs to do a little more research because the parks are either in green acres or brown field in Deerfield and need to be checked first to see if this could even be done. The Committee agreed.

#### New Business

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 #11-114 For The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Ms. Musso, to adopt Resolution #11-114. Roll Call Vote:

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

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

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John Barbagello, Emergency Management, came before the Committee to state that he agrees with Mr. Spatola regarding the request for the rose garden. He stated that there are a lot of residents in this Township that were on the Township Committee and who did a lot of other things that passed away. He stated that if the Township starts doing something like this the idea that Mr. Spatola suggested would be a good idea. Mr. Barbagello also stated that everything is running smooth in his department and wanted the Committee to know about the tornado that hit in the Philadelphia area and that we were in a severe thunderstorm watch until 9:00 tonight.

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

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

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John Stanzione, Chairperson  
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

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Cheryl Tramontana, Deputy Clerk  
Township of Deerfield