

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

September 1, 2010

Mayor 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.

Mayor Spatola led the flag salute.

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

Mr. Casella from Basile and Testa was in for Solicitor Testa who was unable to attend this evening's meeting.

The Clerk presented Minutes Of August 5th, 2010.

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

Ordinance

The Clerk Presented Ordinance #2010-3 Second Reading And Public Hearing Of An Ordinance For The Installation Of Knox Boxes For Various Commercial Buildings And Group Homes In The Township Of Deerfield.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Ms. Musso to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2010-3. The Committee Approved

There being no comments to come before the Committee, Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Ms. Musso to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2010-3. The Committee Approved.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Ordinance #2010-3. Roll Call Vote.

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

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #10-130 Resolution Authorizing the Placement Of A Question On The General Election Ballot Said Question Regarding Sunday Sales Of Alcoholic Beverages.

Mr. Laurella stated that this question mentions nothing of hours of sales, just a question regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday. The Clerk stated if it passes, it is up to the governing body to set the hours of the Sunday sales. Mr. Spatola stated it requires at least 15% of people petitioning for this and it more than reaches that percentage.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #10-130 Roll Call Vote.

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #10-131 Resolution Canceling 2010 Taxes Due to Assessment Error (Fioresi)

The Clerk stated that somehow the assessments of one of their properties got duplicated and it needs to be removed.

Ms. Musso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauer mann to adopt Resolution #10-131. Roll Call Vote.

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #10-132 Resolution Canceling 2010 Taxes Due To Assessment Error (CTI Solutions).

The Clerk stated it was due to a farmland problem.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Ms. Musso to adopt Resolution #10-132 Roll Call Vote.

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #10-133 Resolution Final Payment For The Resurfacing Of Maple Street.

The Clerk stated there was a thirteen hundred dollar (\$1,300.00) payment due.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to adopt Resolution #10-133 Roll Call Vote.

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #10-134 Resolution Granting Permission To Conduct A Fireworks Display On Sunday, October 10, 2010 With A Rain Date Of Monday October 11, 2010.

Ms. Musso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauer mann to adopt Resolution #10-134. Roll Call Vote

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #10-135 Resolution Waiving Permit Fees For Use Of Tents And The Fireworks Display At The Deerfield Township Harvest Festival And to Waive The \$35.00 Type I Open Flame And To Waive The \$5.00 Township Raffle License Fee For The Games Of Chance At The Harvest Festival.

Mr. Laurella made motion, seconded by Ms. Musso to adopt Resolution #10-135.
Roll Call Vote.

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

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports from Department Chairpersons.

Mr. Spatola stated that for the past couple of weeks he has been in close contact with Mr. Lauermann and the two have talked a great deal about the maintenance issues in the Township. Mr. Spatola indicated that that he and Mr. Lauermann have touched on the funding of these said issues. Mr. Spatola stated there are several issues that have been discussed and what he is trying to do is to put all the issues together because there needs to be two readings for each issue. The Clerk stated that monies would be taken from the Capitol Fund, so a Capitol Ordinance needs to be done to acquire the money. Mr. Spatola stated he spoke to Mr. Lauermann and Mr. Lauermann stated he is trying to get information for each issue and present them in thirty (30) days, so a number figure can be put to each issue.

Mr. Lauermann stated they were able to test the unit that was up in the cupola, the part that was thought to be defective, which is the original part, and the most costly was not the part that was defective. Mr. Lauermann indicated that the control of the clock was removed and needs to be replaced. Mr. Lauermann stated someone has to come out and replace the parts and then there is maintenance that needs to be done to the clock.

Mr. Lauermann stated he has spoken to Ms. Musso and knows that together they can get the numbers together to present as a whole, move the money over and as each project gets done be able to draw the funds and pay for them accordingly. Mr. Lauermann stated he spoke to Michael Laurella, Public Works Manager, and he is going to get the bids for the heating/cooling unit for the lobby of the Municipal Buidling, and the heating/cooling unit for the Carmel Fire Company. Mr. Lauermann stated that a spec would be written up for the cupola, so whoever bids on the job knows what is expected and can not say they did not know that they needed to bid on certain things. Mr. Lauermann indicated that the Solicitor will be looking into prevailing wage, construction vs. maintenance because there is a certain parameter to stay within.

Mr. Lauermann asked Mr. Laurella if he spoke to Public Works Manager about monies for the cul-de-sacs. Mr. Laurella stated that there was not enough money, but there were quotes, nothing that was standing. Mr. Laurella stated one of two things could be done, he can meet with everyone at one time or give them something in writing individually.

Ms. Musso asked the Clerk how much money was budgeted in the Capitol Fund, the Clerk stated there were ten (10) items in the Capitol and the ones being spoken about were in the Capitol Fund. The Clerk stated she spoke to the auditors and the money is not actually in the budget that is why a Capitol Ordinance needs to be done for those items. The Clerk stated she would give the Committee a break down of the items on the Capitol Fund.

Mr. Laurella asked what was going to be done about the fence, Ms. Musso stated they received quotes for the fence but now it has to be decided what is going to be done.

Mr. Spatola stated that it is hard to get everything in order because there are a lot of things that are in disrepair, and it is not due to neglect but to wear and tear through the years. Mr. Spatola indicated that the numbers need to be brought to the table, check the money and decide what needs to get done and do it.

A discussion among the Committee was held regarding bids for various projects in the Township, time lines and costs.

Mr. Laurella asked if the Township being a government body, needed to pay prevailing wages on things. Mr. Casella stated that Mr. Lauermann asked him to look into that before the start of the meeting, so he would look into that. Mr. Laurella stated an example was the lighting in the building, he feels that the Township is paying too much for lighting and should look into what could be saved for lighting, and if there is an energy grant to help offset the lighting bill. Mr. Lauermann stated he received the figures from the Clerk as to what the electric company charges the Township per kilowatt hour. Mr. Lauermann stated he is going to look at the numbers and break them down for the Committee, such as fixtures that can be used, and what the costs would be to upgrade the fixtures and then see what type of money the Township was looking at.

Mr. Laurella stated that the Township is paying in the area of forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) to light up residents driveways. Mr. Laurella indicated he has two pillars in front of his house that turn on when it starts getting dark, so if the residents want lights in front of their driveways, they should spend the money to get lights in their driveways. Mr. Laurella indicated the Township has to start looking at cutting out lighting, keeping safety factors into consideration. Mr. Laurella stated if you drive around South Jersey, you'll find several places that don't have lights for miles except for intersections.

Ms. Musso stated that the Committee needs to find out how much money was allocated and then figure out what needs to be done first.

A discussion regarding street lighting and its expenses was held among the Committee.

Mr. Laurella stated that the Municipal lighting is hindering the Township because the lighting is costing so much, that it is keeping the Township from spending the money on things that need upgrading.

Mr. Spatola stated that maybe the Township could be split up in sections, each Committee Member taking a section, and then come up with suggestions of lighting that can be removed.

A discussion was continued among the Committee regarding the Municipal lighting.

Mr. Stanzione asked the Solicitor if it would be easier if the Committee members came up with what they thought the cost would be, or get a cost factor and then have a executive meeting to decide what is going to be done. Mr. Casella stated he thought it was appropriate to have a discussion in the Executive Session to get all the variables out on the table and come up with a consensus. Mr. Laurella stated he didn't think an Executive Session could be done because it doesn't concern personnel or contracts. Mr. Casella stated if it was going to involve a contract then it could be held in Executive Session.

Mr. Stanzione stated his concern is that yes, there are a lot of things that are needed around the building and the Township, but also, an ambulance is needed for the Fire Station and that concerns public safety. Mr. Stanzione feels that should be at the top of the list before anything else. Mr. Stanzione indicated that what should be the main concern is that the Township has the proper equipment running for the safety of the people in the Township. Mr. Stanzione indicated that is something that needs to be done now, if not it will cost the Township more money in the future.

A discussion among the Committee was held again regarding the Capitol Budget the projects that need to be done, and what is going to be the priority of the monies.

Mr. Laurella asked Mr. Stanzione what the status was regarding the Cumberland County Improvement Authority and the ambulance. Mr. Stanzione stated he will find out within a couple of months if the CCIA will have the money to purchase the ambulance, but even if it was ordered it would take at least ten (10) months to build the ambulance.

A discussion was held among the Committee regarding the monies available by the CCIA, and the flow of surplus received from the landfill.

Mr. Stanzione stated that the Recreation Committee is coming along fine as far as the Harvest Festival, one of the trucks broke down at the Fire Station, which needed to be fixed, and everything else is running smoothly.

Mr. Spatola asked where he would be able to locate information regarding the dog tags and which dog matches which tag. Mr. Laurella stated Mr. Spatola should inquire with the Administrator to find that information, rather than to go through her files, she could put the information needed on her desk for easier access.

New Business

Discussion Regarding Request From Cumberland County Sheriff's Department.

The Clerk stated there was a letter from the Sheriff's Department stating they would like to plant a tree and place a plaque in honor and memory for Officer Timothy Morris. The Sheriff's Department is asking for a suggestion as to the location of the tree placement. Mr. Laurella stated he called the Sheriff's Department and suggested that it should be in Lobiondo Park because everyone goes to the park and it is lit up. Mr. Laurella stated they also wanted a bronze plaque. Mr. Laurella indicated he suggested to set up a meeting with the Public Works Manager to see where they would like to place the tree and the plaque.

Mr. Spatola stated that in reading the letter, he feels they are asking the Committee if they would agree to provide a space on public property and where would that space be. Mr. Spatola stated it should be decided upon this evening.

Ms. Musso stated she would agree to placing the tree, and she feels that it should be at the Lincoln Park near the fence, because there is nothing at the park as of yet and it could become a memorial spot for Officer Morris.

Mr. Lauermann stated his concern is that the park is dark and is concerned for security reasons. Mr. Stanzione stated that no matter where the memorial is, the Township can not be responsible for what happens to the memorial.

Mr. Spatola asked the Clerk to get in contact with the Sheriff's Department to set up a time to meet and discuss the memorial and where it should be located, and move forward from there.

Ms. Musso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to Place a Memorial Plaque And Tree At Lincoln Square. Roll Call Vote.

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

The Clerk presented Application For Raffle License – Games Of Chance – St. Mary's Church – October 8th, 9th, 10th, 2010.

Ms. Musso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to approve Raffle License – St. Mary's Church- Games of Chance. Roll Call Vote.

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

The Clerk presented Application For Raffle License – On Premises 50/50 Raffle – St. Mary's Church – October 8th, 9th, 10th, 2010.

Ms. Musso made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to approve Raffle License – St. Mary's Church- 50/50 Raffle. Roll Call Vote.

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

The Clerk presented Application For Raffle License – Instant Raffle Tickets – Deerfield Elks Lodge #733.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Ms. Musso to approve Raffle License – Deerfield Township Elks Lodge- Instant Raffle Tickets. Roll Call Vote.

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

Communications

The Clerk indicated there were no Communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #10-136 Authorizing The Payment of Bills.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #10-136. Roll Call Vote.

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

Public Hearing

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to open the Meeting to the public. The Committee Approved.

There being no other comments to come before the Committee, Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurellato close the Meeting to the public. The Committee Approved.

There being nothing further to come before the Committee Mr. Lauermann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adjourn the Meeting. The Committee Approved.

Frank Spatola, Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield