

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

July 3, 2013

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 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson Spatola led the flag salute.

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

Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes from June 5<sup>th</sup>, and June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann, to accept the minutes as written. The Committee agreed.

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-109 Resolution Authorizing An Emergency Appropriation In The Sum Of \$5,646.00 For Repairs To The Intersection Of Greenman And North Shiloh Avenues.

Mr. Montgomery stated that this money was going to be replaced by FEMA money because of Super Storm Sandy. Mr. Montgomery indicated that he received notice that instead of the usual 75% reimbursement, the Township was going to get 90% reimbursement from FEMA.

Mr. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #13-109. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Lauermann	Yes	Mr. Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resloution #12-110 Resolution Approving Release Of Performance Bond Posted By Kid Country In The Sum Of \$12,840.00.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to adopt Resolution #13-110. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Lauermann	Yes	Mr. Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Departmental Chairpersons.

Mr. Lauerlla stated that the lawn mower (tractor) needed some repairs, and they would cost about five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to repair it. Mr. Laurella stated that the monies would come out of Buildings and Grounds, Streets and Roads and Recreation.

Mr. Spatola asked if any alternatives were looked into before they put all this money into the lawn mower. Mr. Laurella stated they don't have the money to do that and went down the street and they don't fix the lawn mowers.

A discussion regarding the tractor was held among the Committee.

Mr. Montgomery stated that the phone system is up and running 100%, everywhere it is supposed to be, working the way it's supposed to be working. Mr. Montgomery indicated that Public Works Building now has phone and internet, which is great.

Mr. Stanzione stated Recreation Committee is still looking at replacing the roof on the stage at the park.

Mr. Montgomery stated that he spoke to Ashley at Senator Sweeny's office, they have been helping the Township look for grants as far as the Recreation and LoBiondo Park. Mr. Montgomery indicated that Home Land is offering a grant to Municipalities who are looking to improve security, where there may be terroristic potential, so Ashley is going to reach out and get back to Mr. Montgomery to see what can be done.

Mr. Laurella stated there was a vehicle working on the weather vane which was a waste of time, because it is still leaking. Mr. Lauermann asked if there was money left over from the cupola project, the Clerk stated there was, Mr. Lauermann indicated the weather vane should just be replaced. Mr. Laurella stated that entire thing didn't need to be replaced, just the part that was allowing the leakage. Mr. Montgomery stated that a weather vane was found on the internet by Ron Shinn for about two hundred dollars (\$200), but the issue is going to be finding someone to go up and replace it, that is where the money is going to go.

A discussion regarding the weather vane and where the leak is coming from before they spend any money, was held among the Committee.

The Clerk presented Update – Discussion Regarding Letter To Freeholders Concerning Bridgeton And Vineland Avenues And Morton Avenue Bridge.

Mr. Spatola stated the Clerk comprised a letter which the Committee read, and it addressed the Township's disappointment regarding the two streets which were taken off the list. Mr. Spatola indicated the other part of this letter referenced the bridge on Morton Avenue, which lets the storm water run pass through. Mr. Spatola stated it has been three (3) years since the Township has asked the County to maintain the bridge and it has not been done.

Mr. Spatola stated if they do not hear from the County by the end of the week, he would like to contact the Chairperson of Streets and Roads and follow up on the letter.

The Clerk presented Update- Discussion Regarding Summer Help.

The Clerk stated an ad went in the paper and she has received three applications, but an additional ad will be placed and hopefully by the end of the following week, all should be completed and applications should be received, and Personnel could review them accordingly.

Mr. Lauermann asked if there was an age restriction. Mr. Montgomery stated they contacted the Department of Labor, they referred the Municipality to a web site for age restrictions for certain types of machinery. Mr. Montgomery indicated the Committee should have the paperwork in their packets, and what the Township wanted to be done which would include using lawn mowers, weed whackers, ladders and painting. Mr. Montgomery stated that there is a list of what people under the age of 18 can not do, and those are not on the list.

Mr. Laurella asked when the other employee would be returning to work. Mr. Montgomery stated he would be out until the 21<sup>st</sup> of July per doctors orders.

Mr. Stanzione stated when the applications came in he and Mr. Montgomery were going to review them and they would also do the interviews.

The Clerk presented Update – Discussion regarding Banking Services.

Mr. Laurella stated this matter is the most confusing situation since the opening of the bids which he was present for. Mr. Laurella indicated there were seven bid packets sent out to different institutions and several of them did not reply. Mr. Laurella stated the only banks that replied were Fulton, Century, and Capital banks.

A discussion regarding the Banking Services was held among the Committee.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to reject the current Banking Proposal and rebid based on a five (5) day pick up. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Lauermann	Yes	Mr. Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

The Clerk presented Update – Discussion Regarding The Cancellation Of Contract For Animal Sheltering.

Mr. Lauermann stated he reached out to the ASPCA regarding the sheltering of the animals, and what was thought to be a cheaper way to go actually wasn't because again, it wasn't apples for apples. Mr. Lauermann indicated that the current vendor was always asked to provide a flat rate, never asked to provide a per animal rate. Mr. Lauermann stated that the current vendor provided an per animal rate and all his numbers are cheaper than the ASPCA. Mr. Lauermann stated that the ASPCA has a lot of additional fees which the current vendor does not have. Mr. Lauermann indicated that what will be discussed this evening is cancelling the flat rate contract and providing him the avenues he needs to provide the Township with services per animal. Mr. Montgomery confirmed with the Clerk and Solicitor that cancellation of the contract was done at the last meeting.

Mr. Stanzione stated the vendor needs to come in and speak to the Committee and present his proposal.

A discussion regarding the Animal Sheltering fees was held among the Committee.

A discussion regarding the current Animal Control Officer and when he should go out and put cages out was held among the Committee.

Mr. Montgomery stated that the magnetic Animal Control sign was done, it can come on and off as needed.

Mr. Spatola asked about the cage for the truck. Mr. Lauer mann stated they are getting prices on what is needed.

Mr. Lauer mann stated that what they were looking for was a cage that would have a pan on the bottom and the sides would have some type of protection, so he could remove the cage so he could disinfect it and clean it. Mr. Lauer mann indicated they are trying to come up with something to use for the truck which was not designed for that usage, and when they come up with the money they will be able to purchase the cage.

New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Street Light for Willow Street.

The Clerk stated in the packet there is a cover letter and a map from Atlantic City Electric for the reinstallation of the street light.

Mr. Montgomery stated there was a light in the middle of the street which came down, but for safety reasons Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Laurella felt like a light should go back up in the corner, and would serve multi purposes.

Mr. Lauer mann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to reinstall street light on Willow Street and Alexander Place. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Lauer mann	Yes	Mr. Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

The Clerk presented a Memorandum From The Tax Collector Regarding Properties and Procedure For Foreclosure.

The Clerk stated she had a memorandum from the Tax Collector regarding properties and procedures for foreclosures. The Clerk indicated her memo is very short and to the point, there is a list following the memo, regarding properties in the Township. The Clerk stated the pages following the memo were the current tax lien properties, going back as far as 08-05, and the last two pages are the actual list for 2013. The Clerk indicated that on the list is property 664 Kenyon Avenue, Public Works saw it and thought it might be worth while once it's viable because it is a garage.

A discussion regarding properties in the Township was held among the Committee.

A discussion regarding Harvest Lane was held among the Committee.

Solicitor Testa stated hopefully you can sell some of the properties and recoup some of the money for the Township.

The Clerk stated in the Committee's packet is a notice for optional Safety Budget, it was recently brought to her attention, per the OSHA inspection, that several pieces of gear at the fire house, are going to need to be sent out to be repaired, and the Fire House did budget a certain amount for that, however the first bill has come in and only a third of the repairs have been done. The Clerk stated it occurred to her that some of this money could be used to offset some of the costs because the other two thirds of the gear are going to exceed the fifteen hundred (\$1500.00) they budgeted for.

The Clerk stated that the safety money is used to purchase boots for Public Works, vests, replace eye wash and other safety related items for the building, so if OEM has anything they would like to put in for.

Mr. Montgomery stated every one should have a packet stating what they have in their budget for the year, so everyone knows where they are at for the year.

Mr. Spatola stated that was a very handy piece of work, good to have good to follow.

Communications

The Clerk stated there were no Communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-111 for The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laueremann to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #13-111. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Laueremann	Yes	Mr. Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Laurella	Yes	Chairperson Spatola	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes		

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

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to close the meeting to the public. The Committee Approved.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laurella to adjourn the meeting. The Committee Approved.

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Frank Spatola, Chairperson  
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

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Karen Seifrit, Clerk  
Township of Deerfield

