

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

July 5, 2012

Chairperson Laurella 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 Laurella led the flag salute.

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

Mr. Laurella called to the front of the podium, Judge John Casarow and presented him with a plaque. Mr. Laurella stated it was with sincere appreciation for many years of distinguished service, from 1976, to January 2012 the Township Committee and himself thank Judge Casarow for his dedication, commitment and loyal service to Deerfield Township.

The Clerk presented Approval Of Minutes Of June 6th And June 20th, 2012.

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

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2012-6 First Reading Of An Ordinance Appropriating The Sum Of \$16,000.00 From The Capital Improvement Fund Of Deerfield Township For The Purchase Of Fire Fighter Gear For Rosenhayn Volunteer Fire And Rescue.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to adopt Ordinance #2012-6 on first reading. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2012-7 First Reading Of An Ordinance Appropriating The Sum Of \$10,000.00 From The Capital Improvement Fund Of Deerfield Township For The Purchase Of A Heating/Air Condition Unit For The Deerfield Township Municipal Building.

Mr. Lauermann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Ordinance #2012-7 on first reading. Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-131 Accepting Bids For Food Vending Space At the Deerfield Township Harvest Festival As Recommended By The Recreation Committee.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to adopt Resolution #12-131 Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

Mr. Lauermann stated everyone knows about the storm, and the public works guys have been out there doing the best they can with what they have, and have come across some residents that are still without power in certain streets. Mr. Lauermann indicated he told Ron Shinn to let the residents know the Township has no control over the electric company but can try and make some phone calls, there are still a lot of trees with tangled wires in them.

Mr. Lauermann stated with a power outage that was just had in the Township, they had trouble purchasing fuel because there is only one business the Township purchases fuel from, so this is something they may want to look at is having access to purchase fuel from some one else in the event of an emergency or power outage, so the public works men can continue to do the work they need to do.

Mr. Lauermann stated they were having a contractor coming out to give an estimate on how much it would costs to clean up some of the trees in the park.

Mr. Montgomery stated LoBiondo Park was taken care of, Mr. Lauermann indicated he was speaking of Lincoln Park. Mr. Laurella asked if any one looked at Morris April Park in Carmel. Mr. Laurella stated they also had to look at Rosenhayn Park. Mr. Lauermann stated that Mr. Shinn was working his way around looking at all the parks, and will have someone come out and give them a price on trees they can not handle.

Mr. Spatola stated he spoke to Roy Spoltore and Mr. Spoltore asked if the Township had bought the trailer because he was offering to take eleven hundred dollars (\$1,100.00) out of the Recreation Trust. Mr. Spatola indicated the trailer has been bought, but he is sure the money can be used on something else that may be needed, and asked the Clerk, Ms. Seifrit, to look into what the money could be used for.

Mr. Stanzione stated that Rosenhyan Fire Department has done a great job during the storm. Mr. Stanzione indicated that himself, Mr. Laurella and Mr. Spatola rode around the Township that night and saw all the damage. Mr. Stanzione indicated they went out to Pindale Drive and handed out water and ice with Rosenhyan Fire and Rescue, they also put a barrel of water on Pindale Drive so the residents can get water to use for their bathrooms, they also went to Spruce Street, and Pine Street. Mr. Stanzione stated before he came to the meeting, Bert Lopez called him and informed him there were still over two hundred people in town without power, but they are working on it and are hoping to have everyone restored by the following day, but because of houses that have lines going down the road, they may be restored Saturday or Sunday, but hopefully everyone will be restored by the weekend.

Mr. Laurella stated he slept through the entire thing and woke up when Mr. Stanzione came to his home and knocked on his door. Mr. Laurella indicated there was an incident that broke your heart. Mr. Stanzione stated he would appreciate if when the fire company calls that they need extra man power, that all the Committee come out to

help the fire company, that is why all Committee have pagers, so when there is a crisis, every one should come out to help and not just sit at home.

Mr. Laurella stated that Mr. Lopez indicated that there are over two hundred residents in Deerfield Township, but in total with Atlantic and Cumberland Counties there are over thirteen thousand without power, so they are working long hours in the heat to restore everyone, so they do deserve credit for their hard work.

New Business

The Clerk presented Petition To Extend Licensed Premises From Centerfolds Cabaret For Saturday July 21, 2012 From 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

The Clerk stated that manager from Centerfolds submitted a new application outlining what he feels is an explanation of the party they want to have, and wanted reconsideration of the application. The Clerk stated the manager did not fill out the initial application and understood why the Committee denied it, so he brought the application back with more explanation. The Clerk stated it was just to have a barbeque outside, to give the patrons a different venue for the day.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to deny the extended licensed premises for Centerfolds on July 21, 2012. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Special Meeting to Adopt Ordinances And Payment Of Bills.

The Clerk stated in light of the fact that they have the two Ordinances that were introduced this evening, that are for money that is necessary to make a purchase for the building and order gear for the fire department, the Clerk asked Mayor Laurella if the Committee could discuss a possible special meeting, similar to the one held at the end of the year, so it is not a month before they can appropriate the funds and also be able to pay the vendors.

A discussion regarding the special meeting and the appropriation of funds was held among the Committee.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to hold a Special Meeting to adopt Ordinance and Payment of Bills, July 18th, 2012 at 3p.m. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding A Grant Through Walmart For Ecological Purposes.

Mr. Montgomery stated there are grant monies available for communities to beautify the townships. Mr. Montgomery indicated there are different levels of monies available to bring back to your community by showing how your community is trying to save the earth. Mr. Montgomery indicated he thought it was a good idea to get a community garden started and to get the school involved, since a big part of the

community is through agriculture it would be a good joint learning experience between the school and the people of the community.

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Hiring Of A Contractor To Clean Up Trees As A Result Of June 29, 2012 Storm.

The Clerk stated she believes this topic has been covered.

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding The Hiring of Summer Help.

Mr. Laurella stated that this was talked about a couple of times, and he feels as if the Public Works Department needs some help with the removal of the trees. Mr. Laurella indicated that Ron Baiuce was supposed to go on vacation this week and he cancelled it to come in and work and help out Ron Shinn. Mr. Laurella stated there was a lot of planning to be done and the two public works men are not going do it alone, and he feels its time to hire some summer help, also if Personnel approves of it maybe it can be discussed during the special meeting on the 18th and someone can be hired.

Mr. Laurella asked Mr. Spatola what he thought of the idea. Mr. Spatola stated it was his opinion that with the purchase of the new equipment, the men wouldn't need summer help, but he is finding out now is that because of the storm there is a lot that needs to be done, and he would like to hold off on the hiring of someone but he believes it needs to be done. Mr. Spatola indicated that the cost for summer help was sixty eight hundred dollars (\$6,800.00) and he doesn't feel it would cost half of that amount to call someone in to clean up all the heavy stuff that is too much for the Public Works Department to do and then the guys have the rest of the summer to do whatever else needs to be done and taken care of. Mr. Spatola stated does the Township want to rush in and spend the money to hire someone for a couple of weeks, when the Township can pay and have someone come in and get things done.

Mr. Montgomery stated that the Committee has to take into account that FEMA may be stepping in because of this storm and that is money that can be used.

Mr. Laurella stated there is money in the budget because of someone leaving and someone taking the position but not getting paid as much, so there are a couple thousands dollars available. Mr. Laurella also indicated that he agrees someone should be brought in to clear the trees, but summer help should be brought in to help the guys beautify the Township with the other things.

Mr. Spatola stated before the Committee makes a decision on whether someone should be hired for summer help, they should talk to the Public Works Supervisor, Ron Shinn, so he can tell the Committee what he needs.

A discussion regarding summer help and cleaning of the trees in the Township was held among the Committee.

Mr. Laurella asked the Clerk to put the hiring of summer help on the next agenda for the July 18th meeting.

Mr. Heck stated his office has prepared and submitted to the court a complaint, which is trying to correct the situation of the right away returned to full position of the Township. Mr. Heck stated there is a complaint filed under two periods, one is called Ejectment which is the right to reclaim possession of land, which is lawfully the Township's and the second is Correcting Public Nuisance, because presumably as rain water is diverted back onto Maxon Avenue, it is creating a public nuisance.

Mr. Heck indicated the next step is that the property owners have to answer to the complaint and hopefully they will recognize that a cooperative solution is the cheapest solution for all concerned.

Communications

The Clerk stated there were no Communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-132 for The Payment of Bills.

Mr. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione, to adopt Resolution #12-132. Roll Call Vote:

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

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

Mr. John Barbagello, Deerfield Township Emergency Management Office gave an update after the weekend storm. Mr. Barbagello indicated that FEMA has an office at the 911 Center on Bridgeton Avenue, and are going to the Vineland area first and then come back to Deerfield Township and the surrounding towns to assess the damage from the storm.

Mr. Barbagello stated he and Mr. Laurella went out after the storm and the approximate estimate of storm damage is two hundred thirty five thousand dollars (\$235,000.00) between buildings and the cleaning of the Township. Mr. Barbagello indicated he needed the hours that Ron Shinn and Ron Baiuce worked during the weekend after the storm, also if the Township hires help they need the hours they put into cleaning up the Township as well, so FEMA can reimburse the Township.

Mr. Barbagello thanked the Rosenhayn Volunteer Fire and Rescue, the Township Committee personnel that were out, and apologized for not hearing the storm. Mr. Barbagello stated he went down Pindale Drive and it is a disaster. Mr. Barbagello reiterated that the Rosenhayn Fire Company went house to house on Pindale Drive with water and ice and also left a large barrel for the residents to use for their bath rooms.

Mr. Barbagello stated that he had a conference call with Don Olbrich and he mentioned if the Township can get the branches in one area it is a possibility the County can get all the trees picked up

Mr. Barbagello gave a list of streets that were open and stated that FEMA was in the area but it was going to take some time to get things done.

A discussion regarding whether a State of Emergency was declared was held among the Committee.

Mr. Barbagello stated they picked up the water and ice at the Training Center and brought it back to the fire department and it worked out well, they delivered to Carmel.

Mr. Stanzione stated there was water put out at the park on Pine Street and the kids opened the valve and emptied the tank, they put water out again and they kicked a hole in the tank and overturned it, so they stopped putting out water in that area.

Mr. Stanzione indicated it is a shame the residents are not policing their children and that damage is being done like that during an emergency, and so they will not put another tank on Pine Street. If the residents need water they have to go to the fire department.

Mr. Michael Senisch, 38 Pindale Drive approached the Committee and stated that he has something from a Troy Ferris, stating Cumberland County was declared a State of Emergency on Saturday. Mr. Senisch indicated he feels there is a lack of communication, so he called the Governor's office to find out if New Jersey was in fact under a State of Emergency as the media had indicated. Mr. Senisch indicated the Governors Aid stated to him that everyone in our area was in a State of Emergency.

Mr. Senisch stated that was one of his issues, he wanted to know who the liaison between our Township and the Governor's office was, and also he called the Freeholders and they obviously did not notify the Township either. Mr. Senisch indicated there is a lack of communication.

Mr. Senisch stated he is happy to hear that FEMA has been contacted and will be coming out.

Mr. Senisch then asked if the Township has a list of people who are ill in the Township because there was a resident who was trying to clear his car off of debris after the storm so he could get himself to the hospital because he had no phone service to call 911. Mr. Senisch stated maybe there should be a place where people with medical devices that need to be charged could go to, to ensure their safety and health.

Mr. Laurella stated the Township tries to accommodate the residents but they can't do everything, the Committee members work during the day, but are involved at night and weekends. Mr. Laurella indicated if Mr. Senisch ever has a problem he can call the Municipal Building and the Clerk can direct him to one of the Committee members.

Mr. Senisch stated as there is a property on Pindale Drive that has several junk cars. Mr. Laurella asked Mr. Senisch to write the address down and he would have the Housing/Zoning Officer look into it and take care of the problem.

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

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

Cosmo Laurella, Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield