

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

March 20, 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.

The Clerk presented the Departmental Reports for the Construction Office, Zoning/Housing Officer, Tax Collector, and Treasurer.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to accept and file the Departmental Reports. The Committee Approved.

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2013-2 – First Reading Of An Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A CAP Bank (N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14)

The Clerk stated this was an Ordinance the Township does every year to give them a cushion when preparing the budget.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Ordinance #2013-2 on First Reading and to set Wednesday April 3, 2013 for Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Adoption. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2013-3 First Reading Of An Ordinance Amending Hours Of Operation For Township Parks And Recreation Areas And Establishing Penalties For Violations.

The Clerk stated this Ordinance has to do with hours of the parks being opened and the Ordinances amending and making the parks technically closed from dusk to dawn, and any violations will have penalties and fines established with it.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to adopt Ordinance #2013-3 on First Reading and to set Wednesday April 3, 2013 for Second Reading, Public Hearing and Final Adoption. Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-77 Resolution Appointing Jason Scythes As Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator.

The Clerk stated under the new Emergency Management Coordinator there would be two deputies and they would be splitting the salary established by the Township.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to adopt Resolution #13-77 Appointing Jason Scythes Deputy OEM Coordinator. Roll Call Vote

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-78 Resolution Appointing William Miller as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to adopt Resolution #13-78. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk stated at this time the two new Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators would be sworn in.

Mr. Spatola swore in Jason Scythes as new Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator.

Mr. Spatola swore in William Miller as new Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator.

Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Departmental Chairpersons.

Mr. Stanzione stated that they are getting ready for the Easter egg hunt, also looking into redoing the stage. Mr. Stanzione indicated the Recreation Committee is getting a plan together and once it is done, it will be shown to the architect to make sure every thing is ok.

Mr. Stanzione stated that the Rosenhayn Fire Company is running smoothly.

Mr. Spatola asked about the CCIA Committee. Mr. Stanzione stated that was in the middle of negotiations.

Mr. Montgomery stated they are in the process of continuing with the street light removal. Mr. Montgomery indicated you may see some areas in the Township where the lights are no longer on, there was one complaint, but that was addressed accordingly so everything seems to be running smoothly with that.

Mr. Spatola stated he is happy to announce that the Township emails are up and running so everyone can be reached at their email.

Mr. Lauermann stated the Township had their rabies clinic on Saturday, and it seemed to not run as smoothly as it did last year. Mr. Lauermann indicated there were residents from Upper Deerfield but there were no representatives from Upper Deerfield so what ended up happening was the inoculations were done for their pets but they were not able to get their licenses, and that left some of the Upper Deerfield residents upset. Mr. Lauermann stated that it got to the point where the veterinarian was going to be leaving at eleven o'clock, so they thought they were going to have to stop residents from getting in line, but the veterinarian was willing to stay a little longer so everyone that was in line was able to get their pets inoculated.

Mr. Lauermann stated his main concern was that there were so many Upper Deerfield residents that when the veterinarian stated she was going to close up, the Deerfield Township residents who were behind the Upper Deerfield residents weren't going to be able to get their pets inoculated.

Mr. Spatola stated this rabies clinic used to be held independently in each Town, this year it was held in combination with a lot of Towns, in which we were combined with Upper Deerfield, which was not by choice, but by decision of the County. Mr. Spatola indicated he is not aware if Upper Deerfield notified their residents that they would not be at the clinic to get their licenses, but he was made aware that at their meeting the board made the decision to not have any one show up at the clinic and just have the residents come to the office during the week, because they felt there would not be a big turn out of their residents.

Mr. Lauermann stated no one told us that they would not have anyone present.

A discussion regarding the dog clinic was held among the Committee.

Mr. Laurella stated he will be meeting with a contractor regarding the cupola next week. A time has not been set as of yet. Mr. Laurella asked Mr. Spatola if he met with a contractor, Mr. Spatola stated he met with one on Friday and he has yet to come up with a contract or a price. Mr. Laurella stated another contractor will be coming in, so hopefully one of them can come in with a good price.

A discussion regarding prices for the cupola was held among the Committee.

Mr. Montgomery stated they met with Comcast to review the phone system, also a counter bid was put in by the Cloud System company. Mr. Montgomery stated he and the Clerk met with Comcast and they seem to be the best situation for the Township. Mr. Montgomery stated they would give the Township a month free of service, run a new feeds, voice mail for everyone, include new phones in all of the buildings, and it would all come out to five hundred eighty nine dollars a month (\$589.00), which is the cheapest price for doing the entire phone system. Mr. Montgomery indicated that would leave the system here in the building and not go to another system and then come back to us, we would have complete control. Mr. Montgomery stated in the OEM office there will be one line with a phone all the time and five additional lines, so if there is ever an emergency, they can grab any phone from any office plug it in and use them as needed.

A discussion regarding the OEM system, and fixing up of the space was held among the Committee and the Deputy OEM Coordinators.

The Clerk presented Follow Up Discussion On The Preparation Of An Ordinance Removing Article 9 Pertaining To The Local Welfare Assistance Board And Subsection 5-43 Pertaining to Retirement Age From The Code Of The Township Of Deerfield.

The Clerk stated that at the last meeting Mr. Laurella asked if the sections be reviewed by the Committee and brought forth again this evening to ascertain feeling on removal of these items and to possibly move forward in doing an Ordinance to remove them from the Code.

Mr. Laurella stated this is just the beginning in getting things done, also there is no sense in having the paperwork in the book. Mr. Laurella indicated if the Committee received copies of both of the Ordinances and there are no questions, then they should have a motion in order to have the Solicitor prepare an Ordinance, to do away with those two sections of the code book.

Solicitor Testa stated there would be two Ordinances repealing those two sections of the Code book.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Laueremann to Repeal Article 9 Subsection 5-43 by Ordinances. Roll Call Vote:

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

New Business

The Clerk stated there was no New Business this evening.

Communications

The Clerk presented Letter from the ACMJIF.

The Clerk stated there was a letter which she received at the meeting she attended, and was asked to read and place on the record as part of the Safety Incentive Program for 2013.

The Clerk read the letter to the Committee.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to accept and file the Communication. The Committee Approved.

Mr. Montgomery stated that he wanted to add that the Public Works Manager, Ron Shinn would be completing and graduating from Animal Control School on Saturday.

The Clerk presented Resolution #13-79 for The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Laurella made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauerman to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Spatola, to adopt Resolution #13-79. Roll Call Vote:

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

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

Mr. Andrew Pizzo, 720 Maple Street approached the Committee and stated, as Emergency Management Coordinator for Deerfield Township, it has come to his attention that the Township website has not been updated in a while. Mr. Pizzo indicated he had a special needs request from one of the residents, as far as Fire and Rescue and Emergency Management, Mr. Pizzo wants to see if something could be put out to the public, in case of special needs, in the event of an emergency, we could find out what there special needs are. Mr. Pizzo stated he would write something up and give it to the Clerk.

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

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

Frank Spatola, Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield