

REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

September 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. Stanzione.

Robert Casella appeared on behalf of Solicitor Testa.

Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes from August 2nd, and August 23rd, 2012.

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

The Clerk presented Presentation From Ben Maldonado, Sr. Response Manager Disaster Services From The American Red Cross.

The Clerk stated there was supposed to be a presentation from Mr. Maldonado for the American Red Cross but he seems to be running late. Mayor Laurella indicated that they would accommodate Mr. Maldonado when he arrived.

Ordinances

The Clerk presented Ordinance #2012-9 Second Reading And Public Hearing On An Ordinance Amending The Salary Ordinance For 2012 to Reflect The Salary Range For Emergency Service Personnel.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2012-9. The Committee Approved.

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2012-9. The Committee Approved.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to adopt Ordinance #2012-9. Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-145 Resolution Granting Permission To Conduct A Firework Display On Sunday October 7th, 2012 With A Rain Date Of Monday, October 8th, 2012

Mr. Spatola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to adopt Resolution #12-145. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-146 Resolution Waiving Permit Fees For Use Of Tents And Firework Display At The Deerfield 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. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to adopt Resolution #12-146 Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-147 Resolution Appointing Jason Capo As A Part Time Firefighter/EMT.

The Clerk stated Mr. Capo is filling the second position on the paid squad.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery to adopt Resolution #12-147. Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business

Mr. Spatola stated that in lieu of the Harvest Festival being around the corner everything seems to be going quite well, everyone seems to be doing their duties, and things have been getting done. Mr. Spatola indicated that Michael Laurella is the Township's retiring past Maintenance Supervisor, he was a critical part of the Harvest Festival, and spent several weeks getting ready for the Harvest Festival, Mr. Laurella has agreed to come in to consult and help the new Supervisor with the transitions.

Mr. Spatola stated that the Recreation Committee discussed putting fencing up down the rail road and across the back by National Refrigerants, keeping it secure and bringing the people to the front gate, it was also discussed by Mr. Spoltore, Recreation Chairman, to put a permanent fence up around the area in the future. Mr. Spatola stated they are in the middle of the electrical upgrades and that about 80% of the electrical work is done, all permits for the raffle for the Harvest Festival are taken care of and done.

Mr. Lauermann stated they are still working on the phone system and the voice mail options, they just can't seem to get the contractor, who has been very busy, over to the building, but hopefully that will happen within the next couple of weeks. Mr. Lauermann indicated that Mr. Montgomery has been working on getting the phone system on a Municipal plan.

Mr. Lauermann stated there was a discussion regarding removing more street lights on the roads running East and West of Morton Avenue. Mr. Lauermann indicated he is working on a list of which lights should be turned off. Mr. Lauermann reiterated that no lights would be turned off on curves, hills, or intersections.

Mr. Stanzione stated that everything at the fire station is fine.

Mr. Laurella asked Mr. Stanzione and Mr. Spatola about the box at Lobiondo Park that is being broken for the light system. Mr. Stanzione stated he had not talked to Ron Shinn about the lights since they discussed them being on all night. Mr. Stanzione indicated he made a suggestion to shut the lights off permanently, because they are spending too much money repairing the box constantly.

A discussion regarding the light box at the park was held among the Committee.

Mr. Spatola wanted to make sure that the Committee members found in their bins, a spread sheet and a report from the Regional Court, comparing how the Township was doing to how it is doing now with monies being taken in. Mr. Spatola reminded everyone to look at the spread sheet so they can have a discussion at the next meeting.

A discussion regarding what the spread sheet explains and represents was held among the Committee.

Mr. Laurella stated that he would like it to be put on the agenda for the first or third meeting in October an update by Mr. Pete Jilinski of the monies going in and out of the fire house as well as how the paid fire fighters are doing.

The Clerk presented Update- Roads For Submission to NJDOT Municipal Aid Program.

The Clerk stated that every year the Township submits two roads for possible road improvement, and asked if there were any roads that the Committee would like to submit.

Mr. Laurella suggested that the Maintenance Supervisor go through the Township and suggest two streets.

Mr. Stanzione stated they usually request Garrison Road. Mr. Laurella suggested some of the back streets such as Poplar, Elm be suggested.

Mr. Spatola stated that over a year ago Cumberland County funded a project to pave Rosenhayn Avenue from Pearl Street to Route 553, with all intentions of the County continuing into Deerfield Township onto Vineland Avenue. Mr. Spatola indicated that he spoke to Freeholder Whalen and Ms. Musso and today it was notified that Vineland Avenue was not initially on the slate, because of the Verizon poles which needed to be moved. Mr. Spatola stated that the Cumberland County Freeholders are having a meeting to discuss which County roads are to be addressed in 2013, and two of the roads to be addressed are Vineland Avenue and Bridgeton Avenue. Mr. Spatola stated he was urged to have the Township Committee reach out and call the respected Freeholders so the streets in the Township are not overlooked again in 2013.

A discussion regarding the County roads was held among the Committee.

New Business

The Clerk presented Application For Raffle License – On Premises Raffle – Deerfield Township School PTO – October 6th and 7th, 2012.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauermann to approve application for Raffle- Deerfield Township School PTO – October 6th, and 7th, 2012, on premises Raffle. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Renewal of Certificates of Deposit.

Mr. Laurella stated Mr. Stanzione asked for this to be put on the agenda because the Township Committee for years has had a Sub Committee basically the Finance Committee working with the finance officer for CD's to go and renew them. Mr. Laurella indicated he asked the new finance officer to get quotes, and the finance officer gave the figures to the Clerk.

A discussion regarding the quote for the CD was held among Mr. Laurella and the Committee.

Mr. Laurella stated he feels since an agreement was made to go with Fulton Bank the Committee should hold true to their decision.

Mr. Stanzione stated that is not his feelings, and that the Finance Officer should have reached out to the banks to get their quotes and not just go with the first and only bank to respond. Mr. Stanzione indicated he called two or three different banks and the Township can get over double the rate from another bank then the Township is willing to accept from Fulton Bank. Mr. Stanzione stated the Committee is handling the money for the people in the town, and the Committee needs to get every penny out of it that they can.

A discussion regarding the CD and percentages from the banks was held among the Committee.

Mr. Spatola stated he has several concerns, one being it is the obligation because the Committee members are paid employees of the people of the Township who pay their taxes, an also the Committee members pay taxes so he wants as much as he can get from his money. Mr. Spatola indicated as far as the CFO, he feels she did her job because she formally reached out to four banks for a bid for CD's. Mr. Spatola stated maybe they should ask the hometown bank why there is such a difference in percentages.

A discussion regarding the banks and percentages was held among the Committee.

Mr. Casella stated there was a ten day period to reconsider, and also it is unclear what the offer of the other bank is. Mr. Stanzione stated it has not been written up yet, but if the offer is as Mr. Spatola says, apples for apples, then why would they go with the .4% rate when they could get so much more with the 1.05% rate.

Mr. Lauermann stated he is usually a firm believer in trying to keep your money in the neighborhood the best you can, but with the numbers being what they are, he first wants to know why is the number is doubled, and second is it ok to say to the bank that is in the neighborhood, we received an offer of this, can you match that.

Another discussion regarding the CD, percentages and banks was held among the Committee.

Mr. Casella stated the Committee needs to make sure there is a ten day period to undue the agreement made with the bank, because if they already written the CD's then it is fixed.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spatola to get new quotes for CD Renewal by Friday September 7, 2012 at noon. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Clerk presented Discussion Regarding Grant Writer For Deerfield Township.

Mr. Spatola stated that he and Mr. Laurella had a meeting with the Clerk and being that the Township used a Grant Writer years ago, Mr. Montgomery stated he has an acquaintance that does this solely on commission, and the Committee agreed it would be a great idea to pursue. Mr. Spatola indicated the Clerk was also on board, so they are going to try and get a hold of this person, speak to him and tell him what the strongest needs are in Deerfield Township, and get him going working hard for the Township.

Mr. Montgomery stated he gave every one a packet, regarding different programs he has found within the last week or so. Mr. Montgomery indicated the first was a grant writing course that the Township may consider having someone attend to get a better idea on how to address these issues. Mr. Montgomery also had grants from different companies offering grants at this time. Mr. Montgomery indicated that in researching this program, it was started in the Township several years ago, with Ms. Musso who originally started it, so it may be something the Township may want to continue to look into because it give the Township advantages in helping find money sooner.

Communications

The Clerk stated there were no Communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #12-148 for The Payment Of Bills.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to adopt Resolution #12-148. Roll Call Vote:

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

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

Mr. Pete Jilinski, Chief Rosenhayn Volunteer Fire and Rescue approached the Committee and stated that if a fence was to be erected on the back of Shiloh Avenue, he just asks there be some type of gate because they do use the back roads to evacuate people during the Harvest Festival.

A discussion regarding the fence and how it could be placed was held among the Committee and Mr. Jilinski.

Mr. Stanzione stated that Mr. Jilinski has written all the grants for the equipment that is at the fire station. Mr. Stanzione asked Mr. Jilinski if he would be interested in being a grant writer. Mr. Jilinski stated for a fee no, but if the Township wanted him to help with them with a grant they were interested in, he would be more than happy to work with the Township. Mr. Jilinski stated he is not a professional grant writer, although he has been very successful with the grants that he has written.

Mr. Montgomery asked if Mr. Jilinski would be in a position to do the work and run with it, or work with someone as a team. Mr. Jilinski stated he could do either or, it just depends on the work load and the grants they are looking to do. Mr. Jilinski stated if they want someone to constantly look for and write grants then he is not the man for the job.

Mr. Spatola stated he understands how busy Mr. Jilinski is and his value to the Township in that way is immense. Mr. Spatola indicated that maybe Mr. Jilinski could sit in on the meetings with the grant writer and give the Township his opinion.

Mr. John Barbagello, Deerfield Township Emergency Management Coordinator approached the Committee and apologized for Mr. Maldonado from the Red Cross not showing up this evening, he could possibly be helping with the storm in Camden County.

Mr. Barbagello reiterated he spoke to Mr. Shinn regarding the issues in the basement, and stated that right now he understands Mr. Shinn is busy with the Harvest Festival so once they are done with that, something needs to be done about the basement.

Mr. Laurella asked Mr. Laueremann if he could look into ventilation in the basement, Mr. Laueremann stated he would look into that. Mr. Laueremann stated they have a motor operated intake louver system along with an exhaust system and that would work off of the humidistat, so you don't have to worry about setting a timer, and can be worked off the generator that is in the basement.

Mr. Laurella asked if any one knew if the dehumidifier was working, Mr. Barbagello stated it was working but it is not doing the job.

Mr. Montgomery stated he didn't notice any difference in the basement, there is an odor in the basement from the boxes that are down in the basement that have gotten wet, and computer equipment that is in the basement that needs to be inventoried and taken to the landfill as soon as possible.

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

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

Cosmo Laurella, Chairperson
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

Karen Seifrit, Clerk
Township of Deerfield