The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. The Salute to the Flag was recited, followed by an Invocation by Councilwoman Witte. Municipal Clerk Kathryn Bowditch-Leon read the Notice of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and noted that this is a non-smoking facility. The Clerk requested that all electronics be silenced at this time.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gabel, Witte, Kuser, Lyden, Fitzpatrick, Murphy, President Golinski
Absent: None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Thomas W. Andes, Mayor; Steven Ward, Administrator; John Jansen, Township Attorney; Michael Guarino, Chief Financial Officer; Stephen Dublanica, Social Services Coordinator

PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Proclamation

Dr. David Barrett, Denville Medical and Sports Rehabilitation Center

Stephen Dublanica stated that they wished to honor Dr. David Barrett and his staff at Denville Medical and Sports Rehabilitation Center, who have been donating to the Township for almost 30 years. Mr. Dublanica especially thanked Dr. Barrett and his staff for their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive and annual Toy Drive, the proceeds of which are given to Denville Social Services for families in need. Mr. Dublanica said the effects of the donations have been far-reaching and long-lasting and expressed his esteem and gratitude.

Mayor Andes then invited Dr. Barrett and his wife to the front and read the Proclamation, which is included at the end of these minutes.

Dr. Barrett shared that he has lived in Denville his entire life and the Township has made him who he is, along with his family. He said he wished he could do more and commented that the volunteers and employees of the Township are the backbone that maintains the integrity of such a great town.

President Golinski thanked Dr. Barrett for his service and wished him many more years of success in his practice.
also asked for support of Resolution R-17-62 regarding the designation of an area in need of redevelopment on Route 53 and reminded the Council of the Township’s Affordable Housing obligations.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
Administrator Ward stated that the Township hired a temporary part-time employee in the Construction Department to scan the department’s documents in an effort to reduce the Department’s paper load and subsequently create more office space for the Board of Education. Mr. Ward announced that the construction plans for that renovation are in the final review stage and they hope to go out to bid within the next 2-3 weeks. He also noted that there is a provision in the contract that construction will not commence before June 19th, so they are well ahead of schedule to advertise for bids.

Mr. Ward said that he has been working with Municipal Clerk Bowditch-Leon to update the Township’s towing fee resolution and they plan to present an updated resolution to the Council at a future meeting. He explained the updated resolution would establish a maximum amount that a towing company would be able to charge if the Police Department requests a tow. The resolution has not been updated since 2006 and Denville’s fees are considerably lower than other surrounding municipalities.

Mr. Ward also shared that he has been working with the Health Department to offer residents the option of 1-year or 3-year animal licensing in the future, as State law now allows for a 3-year licensing period.

Councilman Gabel asked if there is a timeline for the conclusion of the scanning project that is being handled by the temporary part-time employee in the Construction Department. Mr. Ward said they estimate another 4-5 months for completion of the scanning but it may be extended depending upon circumstances.

CORRESPONDENCE
All correspondence has been copied and distributed to Council.

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION
No one wished to be heard.

CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION

MATTERS OF OLD AND/OR NEW BUSINESS
R-17-53: Introduction of the Township of Denville 2017 Municipal Budget
Township Attorney Jansen read Resolution R-17-53 for the record.
MOTION TO APPROVE R-17-53:
MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: GABEL, LYDEN, WITTE, KUSER, FITZPATRICK, MURPHY, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION
01-17: An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 for Calendar Year 2017

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:
An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 for Calendar Year 2017

Be Read by Title on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon:
MOTION TO READ BY TITLE:
MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK
AYES: WITTE, FITZPATRICK, GABEL, KUSER, LYDEN, MURPHY, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION
Be it resolved that an ordinance entitled:

An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 for Calendar Year 2017

Be passed on Final Reading and that a Notice of Final Passage be published in the 03/01/2017 edition of The Citizen newspaper.

MOTION TO ADOPT:

MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER MURPHY
AYES: WITTE, MURPHY, GABEL, KUSER, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

None

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

None

CONSENT AGENDA

R-17-54: Resolution Authorizing Raffle Licenses in the Township of Denville
R-17-55: Resolution Extending Advice and Consent of the Township of Denville Municipal Council to a Mayoral Appointment to the Township Green Sustainability Committee
R-17-56: Resolution Authorizing Reinstatement of the Original Sewer Assessment Installment Plan for Certain Properties in the Township of Denville
R-17-57: Resolution Refunding the Payment of Taxes Overpaid Due to Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey in the Amount of $236.21
R-17-58: Resolution Refunding the Overpayment of 2017 Taxes in the Amount of $1,866.45
R-17-59: Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Money Due to the Redemption of a Tax Sale Certificate Totaling $938.99 Plus Premium

President Golinski asked if anyone from the public or from the Council would like to have any resolutions removed from the Consent Agenda. No one responded.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: GABEL, LYDEN, WITTE, KUSER, FITZPATRICK, MURPHY, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

R-17-60: Resolution Awarding a Contract to TruGreen for Turf Maintenance Pursuant to Contract #CC-0110-14, Cooperative Pricing Bid #2-SOCCP

MOTION TO APPROVE R-17-60:

MOVED BY MEMBER LYDEN, SECONDED BY MEMBER WITTE

DISCUSSION

Councilman Fitzpatrick asked if the Township was required to bid for these services and go with the lowest bidder. Mr. Ward said this is being awarded through the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System. He noted that the cost for the services provided is very competitive and that the Township has utilized TruGreen before.

AYES: LYDEN, WITTE, GABEL, KUSER, FITZPATRICK, MURPHY, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

R-17-61: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Change Order No. 1 with Innovative Electric Contracting, Inc. for the Purchase and Installation of Two Generators
MOTION TO APPROVE R-17-61:
MOVED BY MEMBER KUSER, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: KUSER, LYDEN, GABEL, WITTE, FITZPATRICK, MURPHY, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

R-17-62: Resolution Designating Block 31207, Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 A Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.
MOTION TO APPROVE R-17-62:
MOVED BY MEMBER LYDEN, SECONDED BY MEMBER WITTE

DISCUSSION
Councilman Fitzpatrick requested a summary of the process to be followed if this resolution were to be approved.
Administrator Ward explained that the Planning Board reviewed the matter and approved the report prepared by the Planner. This resolution strictly declares the area as an area in need of redevelopment only and, if approved by the Council, it will be submitted to the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, who has 30 days to review and make comments regarding the determination. After the 30 days, the Township would then have the ability to implement a redevelopment plan.
Township Attorney Jansen also provided an overview of the process, first stating that the Council referred this matter to the Planning Board for their review and recommendations via a previous resolution. He explained that this resolution would not accept or adopt the redevelopment plan for the area in need of redevelopment. That would need to be done through the formal adoption of a plan.
Councilman Fitzpatrick asked about potential zoning changes and Attorney Jansen stated that the zoning of the area would not change until after the adoption of a redevelopment plan.
President Golinski asked when the Council’s evaluation of the plan would begin if the resolution is passed tonight. Attorney Jansen responded that the Council can begin an evaluation immediately but would not be able to act on a redevelopment plan until after the 30-day review period has run.
Councilman Murphy asked when the traffic concerns would be addressed. Mr. Ward answered that those factors will be taken into consideration at the next stage of the process.
Attorney Jansen added that if there is something that the Council would like added to the redevelopment plan, it should be done prior to the adoption of the plan, which follows ordinance adoption procedures.

AYES: LYDEN, WITTE, GABEL, FITZPATRICK, MURPHY, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
NAYS: KUSER

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION
None

MOTION TO ADJOURN
MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: UNANIMOUS

The Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.
Whereas, The Township of Denville wishes to publicly thank Dr. David Barrett along with the staff and patients of Denville Medical and Sports Rehabilitation Center for their tireless support of Denville Social Services

Whereas, Dr. David Barrett is a product of the Denville public school system, graduating from Morris Knolls High School in 1980;

Whereas, Dr. David Barrett received his A.A. in Biology from The County College of Morris in 1983, his B.A from William Paterson College in 1985 and his Doctor of Chiropractic from New York Chiropractic College in 1989;

Whereas, Dr. David Barrett has maintained a business in Denville for twenty eight years, opening Denville Chiropractic Center in 1989, and then expanding into the Denville Medical & Sports Rehabilitation Center in 1990;

Whereas, Dr. Barrett has a long history of supporting local civic groups and events including PAL pre-season physicals for football, wrestling and soccer at Denville Medical at no cost to families and also hosts Pet Adoption Events to aid the Denville Animal Shelter;

Whereas, Dr. Barrett is also a past Assistant Coach for Denville Little League, PAL Wrestling and has sponsored numerous Denville sports teams over the years

Whereas, Dr. Barrett and the staff at Denville Medical & Sports Rehabilitation Center have conducted Food Drives benefiting Denville Social Services at Thanksgiving dating back to 1989;

Whereas, Dr. Barrett and the staff at Denville Medical & Sports Rehabilitation Center have also conducted Toy Drives benefiting Denville Social Services during the Holidays since 1989; and

Whereas, Dr. David Barrett has made a tremendous positive impact in the lives of his fellow Denville residents, the Township wishes to publicly thank him for his twenty eight years of dedication to his hometown.

Now, therefore I, Thomas W. Andes, Mayor of the Township of Denville hereby honor and publicly commend Dr. David Barrett and his staff for their dedication to improving the quality of life within our beloved community, especially for their assistance in helping our less fortunate neighbors.
2/21/2017

Denville Board of Education

Working on Budget

Senior Citizens

Working on revising By-laws

PRIDE

- February 25th (Saturday) Polar Bear Plunge for Project Playground 2.0, Cooks Pond 1-3PM
- March 5th: Knights of Columbus Fish & Chips dinner at St. Mary’s cafeteria, 5PM.
- April 1st: Rotary Club 70th Anniversary dinner at Meadow Wood Manor.
- Thursday, April 6th St. Mary’s Tricky Tray at the Mansion in Mtn. Lakes.
- April 8 (Saturday): Hop Into Denville
- April 22nd (Saturday): Rid Litter Day
- April 29th (Saturday): Little league opening day & parade, 10AM
- May 1st: Kiwanis 30th Anniversary of Women in Kiwanis – Celebrating Women Volunteers
- May 7 (Sunday) Denville Farmer’s Market opens for weekly
- May 4 (Thursday): National Day of Prayer
- May 17th Lakeland Hills YMCA awards dinner
- May 13 (Saturday): Dogs Gone Wild at Cooks Pond
- June 4 (Sunday): Rotary Street festival 11am – 6pm
- June 8th Kiwanis Bike Safety Rodeo with the Denville Police at Town Hall
- June 17 (Saturday) Sunrise Rotary Duck Race [Rain date June 24]
- June 18: Kiwanis Father’s Day Pancake Breakfast at Gardner Field
- June (last week of June): Denville Volunteer Fire Dept Carnival
- July 2: Joey Bella Tricky Tray 6PM, Gardner Field Tent
- July 3: Joey Bella Beer/Band & Beefsteak (with “the Nerds”) at Gardner Field tent
- July 4: Denville Fireworks, Gardner Field
- July 27-29: DCOC Sidewalk Sale Days

Sadly, it was confirmed that the St. Francis Fall Festival will not be held this year. St. Francis is looking for other ideas/venues for a fundraising event. Please respond with your suggestions.