Township Council
10-15-2019

TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

October 15, 2019

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Council President Gabel. The Salute to the Flag was recited, followed by an Invocation by Councilman Murphy. 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: Murphy, Buie, Witte, Lyden, Borowiec, President Gabel

Absent: Bergen

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Steven Ward, Administrator; Fred Semrau, Esq., Assistant Township Attorney

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL MATTERS:

None

LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Murphy reported that Pink Witches Night will be held on Thursday, October 17th and that on-line registration was cut-off with 600 people registered.

Councilman Buie reported that the Beautification Committee has provided 812 volunteer hours to date. He thanked Administration for getting the two signs which were placed at the entrances to downtown – one at Bloomfield Avenue and one in front of the 7-11. He stated that the Green Sustainability Committee continues to work on the application to maintain Silver status with Sustainable Jersey. He stated that the Planning Board will meet next week.

Councilwoman Witte stated that the Rivers and Streams Committee will meet tomorrow night.

Councilwoman Lyden reported that the Library Board met and discussed the plumbing issues which are occurring at the library. Administrator Ward advised that they are aware of those issues.

Councilman Borowiec reported that 75 seniors attended the last Senior Social, that the judging of the Scary House contest will be held on October 23rd and that the holiday parade will be held on December 1st. He then stated 24 deer have been harvested as of last week, with 10 of them being donated.

President Gabel reported that the Denville Historical Society met and that he will attend the Denville Fire Department’s Monday work session. He stated that he plans to attend the Rockaway River Watershed Committee meeting tomorrow. He also stated that he was glad to see the flower fountain on Broadway is back in operation.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

None

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Administrator Ward advised that the Township will be presenting its application for the purchase of the AMCHU Associates property, 5.43 acres adjacent to Muriel Hepner Park, to the Morris County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Committee on October 22nd. He then stated that the Township will be presenting its application for the Den Brook Park Trail Phase I to the Morris County Parks Trail Grant Committee on October 29th.

Mr. Ward then advised that there had been a calculation error on the garbage and recycling bid information which was distributed at the October 8th workshop meeting. He stated that he will be sending out the revisions via email this week as well as a slightly revised recommendation.
CORRESPONDENCE:
All correspondence has been copied and distributed to Council.

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION
No one wished to be heard.

CLOSED PUBLIC PORTION

MATTERS OF OLD AND/OR NEW BUSINESS:
None

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:
None

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:
None

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:
None

CONSENT AGENDA:
R-19-192: Resolution Granting Permission to Advertise and Accept Bids for a Two-Year Contract for Lawn and Field Maintenance for the Township of Denville
R-19-193: Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Assumption of Liability Rider for a Change in Surety Company for Surety Bond Number 286920P
R-19-194: Resolution Rejecting Bids for a Two-Year Contract for Insert Valves, Line Stops and Tapping Sleeves Services and Granting Permission to Re-Bid
R-19-195: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Utility Engineering and Construction Agreement (UECA-10-Rt. 53 Pondview to Hall Av.-124240) and a Utility Engineering and Construction Agreement Municipal Amendment Between the New Jersey Department of Transportation and the Denville Township Utilities (Sewer)
R-19-196: Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Utility Engineering and Construction Agreement (UECA-10-Rt. 53 Pondview to Hall Av.-124240) and a Utility Engineering and Construction Agreement Municipal Amendment Between the New Jersey Department of Transportation and the Denville Township Utilities (Water)
R-19-197: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Fourth Extension Developer’s Agreement
R-19-198: Resolution Authorizing Reinstatement of the Original Sewer Assessment Installment Plan for Certain Properties in the Township of Denville

President Gabel advised that the correct title for Resolution R-19-194 should read as Resolution Rejecting Bids for a Two-Year Contract for Insert Valves, Line Stops and Tapping Valves Services and Granting Permission to Re-Bid.
He then asked if anyone from the public or from the Council would like to have any resolutions removed from the Consent Agenda. No one responded.

Discussion: Councilman Murphy asked for clarification on Resolutions R-19-195 and R-19-196 especially as it may relate to the possible closing of the Fox Hill Road/Lackawanna Avenue railroad crossing. He explained that it was his understanding that the State’s proposal for the paving of Route 53 was closely associated with the closure and asked if an answer had been received from either NJDOT or NJ Transit regarding the same. Mr. Ward explained that the resolutions address what will happen if the Township’s water and sewer utilities are affected by the State project. He stated that the possible closing of the Fox Hill Road/Lackawanna Avenue railroad crossing is still being debated.
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MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:
MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: WITTE, LYDEN, MURPHY, BUJE, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BERGEN

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:
R-19-199: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Change Order No. 2 with Denville Line Painting, Inc. for Work Associated with the Franklin Avenue & Knoll Drive Resurfacing Project (2019 Municipal Aid)
MOTION TO APPROVE R-19-199:
MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: WITTE, LYDEN, MURPHY, BUJE, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BERGEN

R-19-200: Resolution of the Township of Denville, County of Morris and State of New Jersey Designating Reiner Pump Systems, Inc. as the Proprietary Vendor/Service Provider for Certain Designated Pump Stations Located in the Township of Denville
MOTION TO APPROVE R-19-200:
MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: WITTE, LYDEN, MURPHY, BUJE, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BERGEN

R-19-201: Resolution of the Township of Denville, County of Morris and State of New Jersey Designating Dave Heiner Associates, Inc. as the Proprietary Vendor/Service Provider for Certain Designated Pump Stations Located in the Township of Denville
MOTION TO APPROVE R-19-201:
MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: WITTE, LYDEN, MURPHY, BUJE, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BERGEN

R-19-202: Resolution of the Township of Denville, County of Morris and State of New Jersey Designating Pumping Service, Inc. as the Proprietary Vendor/Service Provider for the Berkshire Hills Pump Station Located in the Township of Denville
MOTION TO APPROVE R-19-202:
MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: WITTE, LYDEN, MURPHY, BUJE, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BERGEN

R-19-203: Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Money Due to the Redemption of Tax Sale Certificates
MOTION TO APPROVE R-19-203:
MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER MURPHY
AYES: WITTE, MURPHY, BUJE, LYDEN, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BERGEN

R-19-204: Resolution to Cancel 2019 Taxes for a Certain Property Due to a Veteran Exemption
MOTION TO APPROVE R-19-204:
MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER MURPHY
AYES: WITTE, MURPHY, BUJE, LYDEN, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL

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NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BERGEN

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION:
September 17, 2019 October 1, 2019

MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BERGEN

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

The Meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Kathryn Bowditch-Leon, RMC
Municipal Clerk