TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 18, 2020

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Council President Murphy. The Salute to the Flag was recited, followed by an Invocation by Councilman Golinski. Municipal Clerk Tara Pettoni 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.

ROLL CALL:
Present: Coté, Gabel, Buie, Golinski, President Murphy
Absent: Borowiec, Fahrer

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:
Thomas Andes, Mayor; Steven Ward, Administrator; John Jansen, Esq., Township Attorney; Frank Perna, Police Chief; Jeffrey Tucker; Captain, and members of the Police Department

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL MATTERS:

The Oath of Office was administered to Angel Tapia, Police Officer by the Municipal Clerk.

Terry McKeon, Executive Director, Avidd Community Services of NJ—This organization has been in Denville since 1986. Mr. McKeon mentioned that Avidd provides residential opportunities to adults with developmental disabilities. Avidd applied for a Home Application through the Morris County Community Development office. They are seeking grants funds in the amount of $275,807 to offset the cost of building a 4 bedroom, 2 bath new home on Zeek Road. Part of the grant process requires that this information be presented at a public meeting.

Robert Flynn, JCP&L—Mayor Andes thanked Mr. Flynn for working to get the 1st Avenue lights turned on. Mr. Flynn came out to introduce himself to the Council as he has only been with JCP&L for 10 months. Mr. Flynn provided the Council with updates on JCP&L activities. He advised that JCP&L recently received approval from the BPU to spend approximately $97,000,000 on infrastructure improvements and vegetation management. JCP&L will doing tree trimmings around the Township. They will also be installing Trip Savers on certain circuits. Lastly he mentioned that if the power goes out, the more calls JCP&L receives the quicker they are to dispatch repair crews.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Gabel mentioned that the Polar Plunge will take place on 2/22/2020. He thanked everyone for their support. He also advised that Rivers and Streams will be hosting its first meeting on 3/11/2020. He mentioned that the Lakeview and Riverview Schools will be hosting their Read Across America program on 3/2/2020. Lastly, he stated that he attended the Historical Society meeting on behalf of Councilman Fahrer. The Historical Society is currently working on the drawings and plans for the schoolhouse project.

Councilwoman Coté mentioned that the Beautification Committee’s Spring Fling will be taking place on 3/22/2020. She went on to mention that the Paths and Trails Committee meeting was rescheduled until 3/24/2020 at 7:00 PM.
Councilman Golinski advised that he attended the Library Board Meeting last week. He mentioned that the library’s plans have changed since they were initially presented to the Council. He went on to mention that he reintroduced himself to the Fire Chief.

Councilman Buie advised that the Planning Board’s meeting was canceled and would be taking place next month.

President Murphy stated that on 2/25/2020 there will be a Pancake Supper at the Denville Community Church, The Church of the Open Door, in support of the Appalachia Service Project (ASP).

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Andes recognized the Boy Scout who was present. The Mayor mentioned that he met with the Library as well as their Architect earlier that day. He advised that the expansion is substantially cheaper than originally planned. Mayor Andes stated that the Lunar New Year was fantastic!

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: had nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE: All correspondence has been copied and distributed to Council.

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION:

Robert Belz, 7 Memory Lane—Mr. Belz recognized the employees at the Recycling Center, noting how helpful they are. He further congratulated the Municipal Clerk on her appointment.

MATTERS OF OLD AND/OR NEW BUSINESS:

2020 Municipal Budget Discussion

Administrator Ward advised that adjustments were made following the last meeting. Specifically in the Construction Department, where more revenue was anticipated as there has been an increase in revenue from January, 2019 compared to January, 2020. The contribution to the BID was increased by $10,000 as requested by the Council. He advised that both he and Councilwoman Coté met with the BID to discuss the increase. He further mentioned that the BID will be required to submit quarterly financial reports and statements including grant and fundraising updates by the 15th of each month. It was also discussed that the kiosks have to be installed on or before 8/30/2020. Administrator Ward advised that BID would only request $20,000 in 2021.

Councilman Golinski thanked the Administration for their work as well as preparing page 1 with all the information that was included.

Councilman Gabel stated that he believes that the Township should highlight that the proposed budget will result in a $20.34 household increase which includes the cost of LOSAP. He advised that this would allow the public to have a better understanding. Administrator Ward advised that the impact is actually $24.90, which includes LOSAP. Administrator Ward went on to advise that the budget introduction would be on 3/3/2020 with an adoption date of 4/7/2020.

Administrator Ward advised that last year the Township entered into an agreement with the Board of Education for the reconstruction of the fields at Valleyview Middle School. The project was estimated to cost $470,0000. The Board of Education went out to bid and the lowest bid came back at $620,875. Bids were
reviewed with the Township Engineer. The Board of Ed is requesting an additional $73,000 to fund the project. Administrator Ward advised that this could be charged to the Open Space capital fund. Additionally, the Township Engineer is looking at possibilities to potentially lower the cost.

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:

Ordinance No. 01-20:
BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:

An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 for Calendar Year 2020

Be Read by Title on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon:
MOTION TO READ BY TITLE:
MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER COTÉ
AYES: GABEL, COTÉ, BUIE, GOLINSKI, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BOROWIEC, FAHRER

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING
No one wished to be heard.
CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:

An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 for Calendar Year 2020

Be passed on Final Reading and that a Notice of Final Passage be published in the 02/26/2020 edition of The Citizen newspaper

MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER COTÉ
AYES: GABEL, COTÉ, BUIE, GOLINSKI, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BOROWIEC, FAHRER

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION: NONE

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

R-20-48: Resolution of the Township of Denville, County of Morris and State of New Jersey Supporting the Adoption of “Idle Free Zones”

R-20-49: Resolution Extending Advice and Consent of the Township of Denville Municipal Council to Various Mayoral Appointments

R-20-50: Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Money Due to the Redemption of a Tax Sale Certificate
President Murphy asked if anyone from the public or from the Council would like to have any resolutions removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilman Golinski requested that R-20-48 be removed from the consent agenda. Councilman Golinski asked for clarification as to what can be done to enforce this resolution. He specifically spoke about the Board of Education buses and Township vehicles. The resolution was explained by Administrator Ward and Attorney Jansen and it was briefly discussed by the Council.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:
MOVED BY MEMBER BUIE, SECONDED BY MEMBER COTÉ
AYES: BUIE, COTÉ, GABEL, GOLINSKI, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BOROWIEC, FAHRER

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:
R-20-48: Resolution of the Township of Denville, County of Morris and State of New Jersey Supporting the Adoption of “Idle Free Zones”

MOTION TO APPROVE R-20-48
MOVED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI, SECONDED BY MEMBER BUIE
AYES: GOLINSKI, BUIE, COTÉ, GABEL, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BOROWIEC, FAHRER

R-20-51: Resolution Authorizing Transfers of Calendar Year 2019 Budget Appropriations

MOTION TO APPROVE R-20-51
MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI
AYES: GABEL, GOLINSKI, COTÉ, BUIE, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BOROWIEC, FAHRER

R-20-52: Resolution Authorizing Engineering Services in Connection with the Development of Bid Specifications and Bid Documents for the Den Brook Trail Construction Project

MOTION TO APPROVE R-20-52
MOVED BY MEMBER COTÉ, SECONDED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI
AYES: COTÉ, GOLINSKI, GABEL, BUIE, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BOROWIEC, FAHRER

R-20-53: Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Two-Year Contract for Lawn and Field Maintenance Within the Township of Denville

MOTION TO APPROVE R-20-53
MOVED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI, SECONDED BY MEMBER GABEL
AYES: GOLINSKI, GABEL, COTÉ, BUIE, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BOROWIEC, FAHRER

R-20-54: Resolution Authorizing the Appropriate Township Officials to Accept the 2019 Trail Construction Grant and Execute the Grant Agreement
MOTION TO APPROVE R-20-54
MOVED BY MEMBER COTÉ, SECONDED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI
AYES: COTÉ, GOLINSKI, GABEL, BUIE, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BOROWIEC, FAHRER

R-20-55: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Addendum to the Collective Negotiations Agreement between the Township of Denville and PBA Local 142
MOTION TO APPROVE R-20-55
MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER BUIE
AYES: GABEL, BUIE, COTÉ, GOLINSKI, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BOROWIEC, FAHRER

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN:
MOVED BY MEMBER COTÉ, SECONDED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI
AYES: UNANIMOUS

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Tara M. Pettoni, RMC
Municipal Clerk