TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 4, 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 Councilwoman Coté. 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: Borowiec, Coté, Gabel, Buie, Fahrer, President Murphy
Absent: None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:
Thomas Andes, Mayor; Steven Ward, Administrator; John Jansen, Esq., Township Attorney

President Murphy advised that the first order of business would be to conduct interviews to fill the vacancy in the Ward Two Municipal Council seat previously held by Brian Bergen, who was recently elected to the Assembly. He noted that the interviews would be conducted in alphabetical order. President Murphy called on Bruce D’Adamo to come forward and requested that the other candidate step out of the Council Chambers. Following Mr. D’Adamo’s interview, Christopher Golinski was interviewed. Each candidate was asked a variety of questions by the Council. Before concluding the interviews, the Council thanked both candidates for their interest in the vacancy.

NOMINATION OF CHRISTOPHER GOLINSKI MADE BY MEMBER BUIE, SECONDED BY MEMBER BOROWIEC.
Council President asked if there were any other nominations. There were not.

AYES: BUIE, BOROWIEC, COTÉ, GABEL, FAHRER, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

R-20-40: Resolution Appointing a Temporary Successor to fill the Vacated Ward Two Council Seat on the Municipal Council of the Township of Denville

MOTION TO APPROVE R-20-40
MOVED BY MEMBER BUIE, SECONDED BY MEMBER FAHRER

AYES: BUIE, FAHRER, BOROWIEC, COTÉ, GABEL, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Mr. Golinski came forward and the Oath of Office was administered by the Municipal Clerk. Councilman Golinski took his seat on the dais as the newest member of the Denville Municipal Council.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL MATTERS: None

LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Borowiec had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Coté had nothing to report.
Councilman Gabel mentioned that he connected with the Morris Hills Regional District. He advised that they are seeing a decrease in the number of students that are enrolled in the High School. Councilman Gabel stated that the Environmental Commission is meeting on 2/3/2020 and Rivers and Streams will be hosting their first meeting on 3/11/2020. Lastly, he advised that the Polar Plunge will be taking place on 2/22/2020 and they are halfway to their overall monetary goal.

Councilman Buie had nothing to report.

Council Fahrer had nothing to report.

President Murphy had nothing to report.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Andes mentioned that the Lunar New Year will take place on 2/9/2020 at 1:00 PM. He went on to advise that 2020 is the year of the rat which happens every 60 years.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Administrator Ward reported that after 25 years of service, both Donna Capone, Deputy Court Clerk and Officer Torkos have retired. Kayla Wrigley was hired to replace Donna and Matthew Tavarone was hired to replace Officer Torkos. He went on to mention that Matthew is currently in the police academy. He also mentioned that the Tax Assessor, Jason Cohen has resigned effective 2/28/2020. Administrator Ward advised that a Budget Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, 2/6/2020 at 7:00 PM.

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

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION: No one wished to be heard.

MATTERS OF OLD AND/OR NEW BUSINESS: None

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION: None

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION: 

Ordinance No. 02-20
BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:

An Ordinance of the Township of Denville, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, to Amend Chapter 7, Traffic, to Designate a Three-Way Stop at the Intersection of Station Road, Lackawanna Avenue and Parks Road

Be Introduced and Read by Title on First Reading

MOTION TO READ BY TITLE:
MOVED BY MEMBER BUIE, SECONDED BY MEMBER COTÉ

AYES: BUIE, COTÉ, BOROWIEC, GABEL, FAHRER, GOLINSKI, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:
Township Council  
02-04-2020

An Ordinance of the Township of Denville, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, to Amend Chapter 7, Traffic, to Designate a Three-Way Stop at the Intersection of Station Road, Lackawanna Avenue and Parks Road

Be Passed on First Reading

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said ordinance shall be considered for final passage at the meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Denville on 03-03-2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the evening, prevailing time, at the municipal building in said Township of Denville at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk be authorized and directed to advertise this ordinance in The Citizen newspaper according to law.

MOTION TO PASS ON FIRST READING:  
MOVED BY MEMBER COTÉ, SECONDED BY MEMBER BUIE  
AYES: COTÉ, BUIE, BOROWIEC, GABEL, FAHRER, GOLINSKI, PRESIDENT MURPHY  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:  
R-20-41: Resolution Authorizing Reinstatement of the Original Sewer Assessment Installment Plan for Certain Properties in the Township of Denville  
R-20-42: Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors for 2020 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a  
R-20-43: Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Funds from the Morris County Open Space Trust Fund Grant for the Purchase of the AMCHU Property

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

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:  
R-20-44: Resolution Awarding a Two-Year Contract to TruGreen Limited Partnership for Turf Maintenance Pursuant to Contract #CC-0110-17/R17-515, Cooperative Pricing Bid #2-SOCCP

MOTION TO APPROVE R-20-44  
MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER COTÉ  
AYES: GABEL, COTÉ, BOROWIEC, BUIE, FAHRER, GOLINSKI, PRESIDENT MURPHY  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE
R-20-45: Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Purchase of R900 Gateway V4 Cellular Equipment and Neptune 360 AMI Software for Five Department of Public Works Water Tanks in Accordance with Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract No. 47

MOTION TO APPROVE R-20-45
MOVED BY MEMBER COTÉ, SECONDED BY MEMBER GABEL
AYES: COTÉ, GABEL, BOROWIEC, BUIE, FAHRER, GOLINSKI, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION:
January 1, 2020

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

R-20-46: Resolution Authorizing Executive Session to Discuss Potential Litigation and a Matter Falling Within the Attorney-Client Privilege

MOTION TO APPROVE R-20-46
MOVED BY MEMBER COTÉ, SECONDED BY MEMBER GABEL
AYES: COTÉ, GABEL, BOROWIEC, BUIE, FAHRER, GOLINSKI, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Council President announced that action would probably be taken following the executive session.
The Council entered into executive session at 8:13 PM and returned from executive session at 8:41 PM.

R-20-47: A Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a Lawsuit in the Superior Court of New Jersey to Enforce the Laws of the State of New Jersey, the Township's Ordinances, and a Prior Order of the Court

MOTION TO APPROVE R-20-47
MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER BOROWIEC
AYES: GABEL, BOROWIEC, COTÉ, BUIE, FAHRER, GOLINSKI, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

Tara M. Pettoni, RMC
Municipal Clerk