TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 1, 2020

The Meeting was called to order at 12:01 P.M. by Municipal Clerk Tara Pettoni.
The Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by the Municipal Clerk.
The Salute to the Flag was recited, followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Anna Staltari and
an Invocation given by Father Richard Tartaglia of St. Mary’s Catholic Church.
Clerk Pettoni advised that this is a non-smoking facility and asked that all cell phones be silenced.
The Clerk recognized the following State, County and Municipal Officials in attendance:
Senator Anthony Bucco
Freeholder Douglas Cabana
Freeholder Deborah Smith
Freeholder John Krickus
Former Freeholder and Denville Mayor Gene Feyl
Former Councilwoman Stephanie Lyden
Former Councilwoman Nancy Witte
Former Administrator Ellen Sandman
Morris County Republican Chair Laura Ali
Surrogate Elect Heather Darling
Fire Chief Jim Crothers

Municipal Clerk Pettoni then read the Statement of Determination of the Board of Canvassers with regard
to the November 5, 2019 election.

The Oath of Office was then administered to Mayor Tom Andes by the Municipal Clerk.
The Clerk then administered the Oath of Office to John Murphy, Angela Coté and Harry Fahrer individually,
as Council Members-At-Large.

ROLL CALL:
Present: Bergen, Borowiec, Buie, Coté, Fahrer, Gabel and Murphy
Absent: None

Municipal Clerk Pettoni then called for nominations for Council President.
Councilman Gabel nominated John Murphy. Councilman Buie seconded the nomination.
The Clerk asked if there were any other nominations and hearing none, closed the nominations.
ROLL CALL FOR NOMINATION OF JOHN MURPHY FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT:
AYES: Gabel, Buie, Coté, Borowiec, Fahrer, Bergen, Murphy
The Clerk then administered the Oath of Office to President Murphy.
Council President Murphy assumed the President’s chair on the dais. He presented a plaque to former
Council President, Doug Gabel.

President Murphy read his Council President’s Address. A copy of the address may be found at the end of
these minutes.
Both Councilwoman Coté and Councilman Fahrer expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to sit on the Township Council. They both thanked their families, residents and other Councilmembers for their support.

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION: No one wished to be heard.
CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

Mayor Andes read his State of the Municipality. A copy of the Mayor’s address may be found at the end of these minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA:
R-20-01: Resolution Designating Official Newspaper for Notices in 2020
R-20-02: Resolution Designating the Township of Denville Municipal Council Meeting Dates for the Year 2020
R-20-03: Resolution Designating Legal Depositories for Public Monies for 2020 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14
R-20-04: Resolution Appointing Assessment Lien Searchers for the Year 2020
R-20-05: Resolution Appointing Custodian of Petty Cash Fund for the Recreation Department for the Year 2020
R-20-06: Resolution Authorizing Tax Assessor to Enter into Tax Appeal Settlements on Behalf of the Township of Denville for 2020
R-20-07: Resolution Establishing Interest Penalty Charges on Delinquent Taxes for the Year 2020 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-67
R-20-08: Resolution Appointing Municipal Council Liaison Representatives to Various Committees, Boards and Commission within the Township of Denville
R-20-09: Resolution Extending Advice and Consent of the Township of Denville Municipal Council to Various Mayoral Appointments
R-20-10: Resolution Designating Year 2020 Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for the Township of Denville

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

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: Moved by Councilman Buie, Seconded by Councilman Gabel.
AYES: Buie, Gabel, Coté, Borowiec, Fahrer, Bergen, President Murphy

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:
R-20-11: Resolution Reappointing and Appointing Zoning Board of Adjustment Members
MOTION TO APPROVE R-20-11: Moved by Councilman Bergen, Seconded by Councilman Gabel
AYES: Bergen, Gabel, Coté, Borowiec, Buie, Fahrer, President Murphy

R-20-12: Resolution Acknowledging and Confirming the Appointment of Connor McGuiness as Township of Denville Fire Official
MOTION TO APPROVE R-20-11: Moved by Councilman Bergen, Seconded by Councilman Buie
AYES: Bergen, Buie, Coté, Borowiec, Gabel, Fahrer, President Murphy
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R-20-13: Temporary Budget for the Year 2020
MOTION TO APPROVE R-20-13: Moved by Councilman Bergen, Seconded by Councilman Buie
AYES: Bergen, Buie, Coté, Borowiec, Gabel, Fahrer, President Murphy

President Murphy advised that the Oath of Allegiance will now be administered to several individuals and then to all other appointees. He noted that, following the administration of the Oaths, the meeting will be adjourned and everyone is invited to the Community Room for refreshments.

Municipal Clerk Tara Pettoni administered the Oath of Allegiance to the following people:
Steven Ward, Director of Administration
John P. Jansen, Esq., Municipal Attorney

Municipal Clerk Tara Pettoni administered the Oath of Allegiance to the following people:
James LaSala, Esq., Municipal Prosecutor
Daniel P. Agotino, Esq., Municipal Public Defender
John Ruschke, P.E., Township Engineer
Jason Kasler, P.P., A.I.C.P., Township Planner
Members of the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment
All other appointees who were present

Councilman Bergen shared his story on becoming a Councilman and initially getting involved with the Township of Denville. He went on to thank the Council, Administration and the Township residents for their support.

President Murphy noted that following the adjournment of the meeting, everyone is invited to the Community Room for light refreshments.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Moved by Councilman Gabel, seconded unanimously.
AYES: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tara M. Pettoni
Municipal Clerk