TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 7, 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 President Murphy. Council President Murphy read the Notice of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and noted that this is a non-smoking facility. The Council President requested that all electronics be silenced.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:  
Thomas Andes, Mayor; Steven Ward, Administrator; Michael Guarino, CFO, John Jansen, Esq., Township Attorney and Raymond Sarinelli Jr., Municipal Auditor  

It should be noted that the entire Council, Mayor Andes, Administrator Ward, CFO Guarino and Municipal Auditor were all in attendance virtually.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL MATTERS:  

Proclamation Declaring April as National Library Month. The Mayor congratulated the Library on their hard work and mentioned their virtual efforts.

Presentation of the 2020 Budget Municipal Budget  

Mayor Andes, mentioned that the amount to be raised by taxation is $14.7 million which is a 1.3% increase from 2019. He went on to mention that this number is under the 2% State cap. This translates to a $24.90 increase for the average home which is assessed at $406,000 and includes the funding of LOSAP. Mayor Andes recognized the Fire Department and the risks that its members take on every call. He advised that the operating portion of the budget only accounts for $2.54 of the tax impact. He complimented the various departments for keeping their operating budgets down. He mentioned that the Township has an Aa1 rating from Moody’s. He advised that the Township’s goal is to operate on a “pay as you go” basis for capital items by 2023. He advised that the sewer and water budgets remain stable. Lastly he mentioned that the budget addresses many necessary capital items and advised that he is in full support of the 2020 budget that has been presented.

CFO Guarino thanked the Auditors for their great insight and guidance on the 2020 budget.

Raymond Sarinelli, Jr. agreed with Mayor Andes’ comments and asked for the Council’s support in adopting the budget.

R-20-76:  
Resolution to Read Budget by Title  

MOTION TO APPROVE R-20-76  
MOVED BY MEMBER BUIE, SECONDED BY MEMBER COTÉ  

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

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ABSENT: FAHRER

PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET—No one wished to be heard.

R-20-77: Resolution Authorizing Adoption of the Township of Denville 2020 Municipal Budget
MOTION TO APPROVE R-20-77
MOVED BY MEMBER BUIE, SECONDED BY MEMBER COTÉ
AYES: BUIE, COTÉ, BOROWIEC, GABEL, GOLINSKI, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: FAHRER

R-20-78: Resolution Authorizing an Addition to the 2020 Capital Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-44
MOTION TO APPROVE R-20-78
MOVED BY MEMBER BUIE, SECONDED BY MEMBER COTÉ
AYES: BUIE, COTÉ, BOROWIEC, GABEL, GOLINSKI, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: FAHRER

LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Borowiec advised that the Trails Committee meeting has been postponed.

Councilwoman Coté advised that BID had a committee meeting to discuss recovery efforts for local businesses. She mentioned that their budget should be ready by early May. Councilwoman Coté advised that the BID is working with Denville Strong. At this time, the Beautification Committee has not rescheduled their Spring Fling. She mentioned that their next meeting is scheduled for May 8th. Lastly, she stated that the MAC Committee had some funds left over that were required to be returned to the State.

Councilman Gabel advised that the river clean-up has been rescheduled to a further date.

Councilman Buie had nothing to report.

Councilman Golinski recognized the library’s efforts during this difficult time.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Andes provided an update on COVID-19 activities. He mentioned that the Township was in contact with the County and State on a daily basis. He advised that on March 18th both he and the OEM Director declared a local State of Emergency. He mentioned that the status puts the Township in the best position for federal reimbursements. He went on to mention that Captain Tucker is updating the Police Department’s website with valuable information. He advised that St. Clare’s Hospital has stopped elective surgeries and stated that they are in need of nurses. Mayor Andes stated that his number one goal is to keep the Township’s residents safe.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:
Administrator Ward reported that he is proud of the staff. He advised that everyone is working hard during these difficult times. He went on to mention that he met with NJ Transit to discuss a track realignment. He mentioned that this work is done every five years and is tentatively scheduled for 4/20/2020. Administrator Ward discussed the access plan for the period of closure.
CORRESPONDENCE:
All correspondence has been copied and distributed to Council.

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION:
Michael Koppelmann—14 Rock Ridge Road—Mr. Koppelmann requested better communication between the Township and its residents. He believes the residents are unaware of a lot of events and or major projects that are taking place. He asked the Council to better engage with residents. His comments mostly concerned the library’s grant application and its impact on the gardens.

MATTERS OF OLD AND/OR NEW BUSINESS:
The Council engaged in a discussion regarding the Township’s COVID-19 response, addressing what has been done well and what could be done better. The consensus was that the response has been very good and that the staff is working hard.

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION: NONE

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

Ordinance No. 03-20
BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:

Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements in and by the Township of Denville, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Appropriating $1,835,950 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of $1,639,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Be Introduced and Read by Title on First Reading

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

It was noted that the Supplemental Debt Statement has been filed.

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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 05-05-2020 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 GOLINSKI, SECONDED BY MEMBER GABEL
AYES: GOLINSKI, GABLE, BOROWIEC, COTÉ, BUIE, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: FAHRER

Ordinance No. 05-20
BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:

An Ordinance Providing for Various Improvements or Purposes in the Sum of $366,500 from the General Capital Improvement Fund of the Township of Denville

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, GOLINSKI, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: FAHRER

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

Ordinance No. 06-20
BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:
Township Council  
04-07-2020

An Ordinance Providing for Various Improvements or Purposes in the Sum of $154,000 from the Township of Denville Open Space Trust Fund, $159,000 from the Morris County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund and $95,656 from the Morris County Trail Construction Grant Program

Be Introduced and Read by Title on First Reading

MOTION TO READ BY TITLE:
MOVED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI, SECONDED BY MEMBER GABEL
AYES: GOLINSKI, GABEL, BOROWIEC, COTÉ, BUJE, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: FAHRER

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

Ordinance No. 07-20
BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:

An Ordinance of the Township of Denville, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey Authorizing the Acquisition of Block 60305, Lot 5, 279 Diamond Spring Road from AMCHU Associates

Be Introduced and Read by Title on First Reading

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

AYES: COTÉ, BUIE, BOROWIEC, GABEL, GOLINSKI, PRESIDENT MURPHY

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FAHRER

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:
R-20-79: Resolution Supporting the Humane Treatment of Animals, Both Domesticated and Stray, within the Township of Denville

R-20-80: Resolution of the Township of Denville, County of Morris and State of New Jersey Supporting the “Sustainable Land Use Pledge”

R-20-81: Resolution Refunding the Payment of Overpaid Taxes in 2019 and 2020

R-20-82: Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Recreation Department Fees

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 COTÉ

AYES: BUIE, COTÉ, BOROWIEC, GABEL, GOLINSKI, PRESIDENT MURPHY

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FAHRER

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

R-20-83: Resolution to Memorialize the Conditions Associated with the Release of $10,000 in Supplemental Funding to the Denville Business Improvement District (BID)

MOTION TO APPROVE R-20-83
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MOVED BY MEMBER COTÉ, SECONDED BY MEMBER BOROWIEC
AYES: COTÉ, BOROWIEC, GABEL, BUIE, GOLINSKI, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: FAHRER

R-20-84: Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Money Due to the Redemption of a Tax Sale Certificate
MOTION TO APPROVE R-20-84
MOVED BY MEMBER COTÉ, SECONDED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI
AYES: COTÉ, GOLINSKI, BOROWIEC, GABEL, BUIE, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: FAHRER

R-20-85: Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Social Affair Permit by the State of New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control
MOTION TO APPROVE R-20-85
MOVED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI, SECONDED BY MEMBER BUIE
AYES: GOLINSKI, BUIE, BOROWIEC, COTÉ, GABEL, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: FAHRER

R-20-86: Resolution Authorizing the Endorsement of a Treatment Works Approval Application Request to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for Block 40001/40203, Lot 4/1 known as 360 Franklin Avenue in the Township of Denville, Morris County, New Jersey
MOTION TO APPROVE R-20-86
MOVED BY MEMBER BUIE, SECONDED BY MEMBER COTÉ
AYES: BUIE, COTÉ, BOROWIEC, GABEL, GOLINSKI, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: FAHRER

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION:
January 28, 2020
February 4, 2020
March 17, 2020
MOVED BY MEMBER COTÉ, SECONDED BY MEMBER BOROWIEC
AYES: COTÉ, BOROWIEC, GABEL, BUIE, GOLINSKI, PRESIDENT MURPHY
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: FAHRER

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 P.M.

Tara M. Pettoni, RMC
Municipal Clerk