The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. The Salute to the Flag was recited, followed by an Invocation given by Councilman Gabel. 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: Gabel, Witte, Kuser, Lyden, Murphy, President Golinski
Absent: Fitzpatrick

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Steven Ward, Administrator; John Jansen, Township Attorney

PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL MATTERS:
None

LIAISON REPORTS:
Councilman Murphy stated that he attended the Morris Hills Regional District Board of Education meeting where 47 resolutions, primarily having to do with personnel and finance, were approved. Mr. Murphy informed the Council that Mark London will be stepping down as chairperson of the Green Sustainability Committee because he will be retiring to Rhode Island sometime during 2017. Mr. London has promised to work closely with the new chairperson to assure the submission of the application for a Sustainable Jersey silver certification by the June 1, 2017 deadline. Mr. Murphy met with all the Senior Citizen groups and stated that the new officers will be sworn in at the general meeting on January 6, 2017. Mr. Murphy explained the Economic Development subcommittee is currently on hiatus during the holidays, but will be meeting with Administrator Ward on January 5, 2017 to discuss the Business Improvement District’s budget. He also commented that the Mayor’s Volunteer Dessert Reception, which he attended, was a very nice event.
Councilwoman Lyden wished everyone a happy holiday.

Councilman Gabel stated that he attended the Library Board meeting and reminded everyone about the breakfast meeting with the Library Board on January 21, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

Councilwoman Witte had nothing to report.

Councilman Kuser had nothing to report.

President Golinski stated Denville Recreation Committee hosted the last Senior Social of 2016 and that the next one will be held in March, 2017. He then stated that the Recreation Committee did the Santa Calls on Monday night and expressed a special thanks to Councilman Fitzpatrick for his gift of communication. The holiday lighting contest judging will be held on Wednesday, December 21st.

MAYOR’S REPORT:
None

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:
Administrator Ward announced that the 2017 road resurfacing recommendations will be forthcoming, either by the end of next week or sometime the first week in January. Mr. Ward stated that he attended a meeting with representatives from NJ DOT to discuss preliminary plans of the NJ DOT to relieve congestion on Route 53 as well as to improve the circulation of the ramps from Route 80 to Route 46. Many options were discussed and a few seemed to make sense. The Police and Township Engineer were also present at the meeting.
Mr. Ward stated that the Township is in discussions to enter into an interlocal agreement with Mountain Lakes to provide Animal Control Services. An agreement for an 11-month trial period, February - December 2017, will be brought before the Township Council for their approval at the second January meeting.

Mr. Ward stated that the Employee Recognition and Holiday Party was held today and shared that two DPW employees, Warren VanDyk and John Egbert, received their 30 years of service pins. Another DPW employee, Kevin Wibbelt, received his 25 years of service pin and will be retiring at the end of January, 2017.

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

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

MATTERS OF OLD AND/OR NEW BUSINESS:
Mr. Gabel asked Mr. Ward about the submission of the 2017 NJ DOT grant for the proposed road resurfacing of Old Boonton Road. He has information from constituents who live in the area which he would like to provide to Mr. Ward for consideration in the grant application. Mr. Ward explained that the grant application will be submitted for Council consideration sometime in January/February 2017. The Township Engineer has done a cost breakdown and he would be willing to share that information with Mr. Gabel.

Mr. Kuser asked that when NJ DOT is reviewing possible changes to Route 53, consideration be given to reviewing the current signage, especially on Route 53 north when approaching the intersection of Diamond Spring Road.

Mr. Murphy suggested that the Township solicit volunteers for various committees using social media and the Township’s website. Discussion ensued regarding where and how the volunteer opportunities should be advertised. It was determined that descriptions of the volunteer opportunities should be made available so that potential volunteers know what to expect.

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION
15-16

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:
An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Block 61702, Lot 28 in the Township of Denville, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey

Be Read by Title on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon:
MOTION TO READ BY TITLE:
MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER GABEL
AYES: WITTE, GABEL, KUSER, LYDEN, MURPHY, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
ABSENT: FITZPATRICK

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:
An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Block 61702, Lot 28 in the Township of Denville, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey

Be passed on Final Reading and that a Notice of Final Passage be published in the 12/28/2016 edition of The Citizen newspaper.
MOTION TO ADOPT:
MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: WITTE, LYDEN, GABEL, KUSER, MURPHY, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
ABSENT: FITZPATRICK

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION
None

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:
Morris County Housing Authority Community Development Building Grant Application Peer Place Basketball Court Renovations
Administrator Ward explained the Morris County Housing Authority (MCHA) is applying for a Community Development Block Grant for $80,000 to replace playground equipment, ground cover and 60’ of fencing at the basketball court at Peer Place. The MCHA will be applying approximately $12,000-$13,000 of their own funds towards the project. It is a requirement that the application be discussed at a public meeting. The Council Members had no questions or comments on the application.

CONSENT AGENDA:
R-16-267: Resolution Authorizing Raffle Licenses in the Township of Denville
R-16-268: Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2016 Holiday Crackdown Grant
R-16-269: Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87
R-16-270: Resolution Authorizing a Refund of a Building Permit Fee in the Amount of $179.20
R-16-271: Resolution Refunding 2016 Utility Overpayment in the Amount of $99.83
R-16-272: Resolution Granting Permission to Advertise for Bids for Municipal Building Renovations for the Inclusion of the Board of Education Offices
President Golinski 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 WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER GABEL
AYES: WITTE, GABEL, KUSER, LYDEN, MURPHY, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
ABSENT: FITZPATRICK

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:
R-16-273: Resolution Approving 2016 Executive Session Minutes
MOTION TO APPROVE R-16-273:
MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER KUSER
AYES: GABEL, KUSER, WITTE, LYDEN (abstain on 10/11/2016), MURPHY (abstain on 6/14/2016 and 10/11/2016), PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
ABSENT: FITZPATRICK

R-16-274: Resolution Authorizing Tax Refunds and the Cancellation of Tax Delinquencies Under Ten Dollars ($10.00)
MOTION TO APPROVE R-16-274:
MOVED BY MEMBER KUSER, SECONDED BY MEMBER WITTE
Discussion:
Mr. Gabel asked if there was a total dollar amount associated with the resolution. Mr. Ward explained that many of the cancellations would be pennies. Attorney Jansen stated that it goes both ways – some refunds may be cancelled and other refunds may be made without further Council action – but all are minimal amounts, never exceeding $10.00.

AYES: KUSER, WITTE, GABEL, LYDEN, MURPHY, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
ABSENT: FITZPATRICK

R-16-275: Resolution Refunding the Overpayment of 2016 Taxes
MOTION TO APPROVE R-16-275:
MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: GABEL, LYDEN, WITTE, KUSER, MURPHY, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
ABSENT: FITZPATRICK

R-16-276: Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Shared Services Agreement for Public Health Services with the County of Morris
MOTION TO APPROVE R-16-276:
MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER MURPHY
AYES: WITTE, MURPHY, GABEL, KUSER, LYDEN, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
ABSENT: FITZPATRICK

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION:
November 22, 2016
December 6, 2016
MOVED BY MEMBER KUSER, SECONDED BY MEMBER MURPHY
AYES: KUSER, MURPHY, GABEL, WITTE, LYDEN, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
ABSENT: FITZPATRICK

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

The Meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Kathryn Bowditch-Leon, RMC
Municipal Clerk