The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Council President Gabel. Webelos Pack 31 led the Salute to the Flag, which was followed by an Invocation by Councilwoman Witte. 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: Murphy, Buie, Witte, Bergen, Borowiec, President Gabel
Absent: Lyden

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Thomas Andes, Mayor; Steven Ward, Administrator; John Jansen, Township Attorney; Christopher Wagner, Police Chief and Members of the Denville Township Police Department

PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL MATTERS:

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO DENNIS SUBRIZI, PROMOTION TO SERGEANT

Chief Wagner stated he was proud tonight to be able to promote Dennis Subrizi to Sergeant. He then provided a brief résumé and personal background information on Sergeant Subrizi, which comments are attached to these minutes.

Sergeant Subrizi was joined in the front of the Chambers by his wife, Anna, and his mother, the Mayor of New Milford, the Honorable Ann Subrizi.

Municipal Clerk Bowditch-Leon then administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Subrizi.

Interview of Candidates for Zoning Board of Adjustment Vacancy

President Gabel advised that two (2) candidates have volunteered to fill the vacancy on the Board of Adjustment. He thanked both candidates for volunteering and encouraged whoever is not chosen tonight to try again when there is another vacancy.

President Gabel posed the following questions to each candidate:

Do you wish to make a brief statement explaining the reasons you are applying for this position?

1. Why do you feel you are the best candidate for this position?
2. What do you see as your role as a member of the Board of Adjustment?
3. What special qualifications and skills would you bring to this position?
   a. Do you understand that the Board of Adjustment meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month and that your attendance is necessary to insure a full complement for voting purposes?
   b. Are you also aware that as part of your duties, you will be expected to do site inspections of the matters before the Board and will be required to attend land use oriented classes?
4. Can you meet all of these requirements?
5. Is there anything else you would like to add?

Mr. Anil Patel was the first candidate to be interviewed. He gave a brief opening statement stating he was very enthusiastic and looking forward to giving back to the Township. He stated that his technical and project management skills would be beneficial as a member of the Board. He then explained that, as a project manager, he is able to assess and analyze different situations as well as interpret rules and regulations in order
Councilman Murnhv stated that he attended the reorganization meetings of the Green Sustainability Committee, the Morris County School of Technology Board of Education, and the Board of Adjustment. He explained the Green Sustainability Committee is currently reviewing grant opportunities. Mr. Murphy reported

R-18-17: Resolution Appointing a Board of Adjustment Member for the Township of Denville Effective January 17, 2018 (with Krista Kussoff appointed as Alternate Member #2)

MOTION TO APPROVE R-18-17:
MOVED BY MEMBER BERGEN AND SECONDED BY MEMBER WITTE
AYES: BERGEN, WITTE, MURPHY, BUIE, BOROWIEC
NAYES: NONE

LIAISON REPORTS:
Councilman Murphy stated that he attended the reorganization meetings of the Green Sustainability Committee, the Morris County School of Technology Board of Education, and the Board of Adjustment. He explained the Green Sustainability Committee is currently reviewing grant opportunities. Mr. Murphy reported
the Business Improvement District (BID) is reviewing their 2018 budget for presentation to the Council. He then listed some upcoming BID events including the First Wednesday Breakfast on February 7, 2018, where there will be a presentation on taxes, and a Lunar New Year celebration on February 17, 2018 commemorating the “Year of the Dog” for which details are still being finalized.

Councilman Buie attended the Beautification Committee meeting and stated that they are busy taking down and storing the holiday decorations. He then stated he attended the Deer Management Committee meeting and reported that, to date, 30 deer have been harvested with one month left in the hunting season.

Councilwoman Witte attended the Denville Senior Citizens General Club meeting, where the General Club’s and Chapters’ officers were sworn in. She then reported that she attended the Morris Hills Regional District Board of Education meeting where there was a discussion on changing the wrestling room to a dance room.

Councilman Bergen had nothing to report.

Councilman Borowiec attended the Recreation Committee meeting where they outlined the events for 2018, with the biggest focus being on Project Playground 2.0. He stated that the Polar Plunge will be held on February 24, 2018 at Cook’s Pond. He then stated that he attended the Trail System Stakeholder meeting on Monday night and commented that there was a lot of interest from the people who attended.

President Gabel reported that he visited each of the Denville firehouses during their scheduled maintenance days and commented on how much hard work it takes by the volunteers to keep the department running smoothly.

MAYOR'S REPORT:
Mayor Andes stated that the Township has received a lot of support from the neighboring towns and the County in helping to develop the Denville Trails Master Plan. He reminded everyone that the Library breakfast and presentation of their budget will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 and that the Fire Department’s Mutual Aid dinner will be held on January 27, 2018.

Mayor Andes then stated the countdown to purchase a brick for Project Playground has started with the last day of sales to be June 1, 2018.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:
Administrator Ward listed the upcoming budget hearing dates and the proposed agendas for each. He then reported that 1,177 households prepaid $4.92 million in 2018 taxes, which is 7 times greater than in 2016. He explained that the money has been placed in a reserve and recorded as a future year’s liability and that the only benefit the Township receives is the interest accrued on the additional money.

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

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION
Laura Wagner (12 Highland Trail) introduced herself to the Council as the Denville Board of Education’s Liaison to the Council for this year.

CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION

MATTERS OF OLD AND/OR NEW BUSINESS:
President Gabel announced that the new governor was sworn in this afternoon.

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION
None

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION
01-18
BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:
An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 for Calendar Year 2018

Be Introduced and Read by Title on First Reading:
MOTION TO READ BY TITLE:
MOVED BY MEMBER MURPHY, SECONDED BY MEMBER WITTE
AYES: MURPHY, WITTE, BUIE, BERGEN, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
ABSENT: LYDEN

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:
An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 for Calendar Year 2017

Be Passed on First Reading

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said ordinance shall be considered for final passage at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Denville on 02-06-2018 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 MURPHY, SECONDED BY MEMBER WITTE
AYES: MURPHY, WITTE, BUIE, BERGEN, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
ABSENT: LYDEN

02-18

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:

Ordinance Appropriating $128,000 from the Open Space Trust Fund of the Township of Denville for the Muriel Hepner Bridge Replacement

Be Introduced and Read by Title on First Reading:
MOTION TO READ BY TITLE:
MOVED BY MEMBER MURPHY, SECONDED BY MEMBER WITTE
AYES: MURPHY, WITTE, BUIE, BERGEN, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
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MOVED BY MEMBER MURPHY, SECONDED BY MEMBER WITTE
AYES: MURPHY, WITTE, BUIE, BERGEN, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
ABSENT: LYDEN

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:
None

CONSENT AGENDA:
R-18-18: Resolution Authorizing Raffle Licenses in the Township of Denville
R-18-19: Resolution Authorizing Reinstatement of the Original Sewer Assessment Installment Plan for Certain Properties in the Township of Denville
R-18-20: Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Money Due to the Redemption of Tax Sale Certificates Totaling $2,081.45 Plus Premiums
R-18-21: Resolution Refunding the Overpayment of Taxes Due to a Judgement by the Morris County Board of Taxation

President Gabel 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 BERGEN, SECONDED BY MEMBER MURPHY
AYES: BERGEN, MURPHY, BUIE, WITTE, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
ABSENT: LYDEN

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:
R-18-22: Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Renewal Grant Application for the Denville Municipal Alliance Grant for Fiscal Year 2019

MOTION TO APPROVE R-18-22:
MOVED BY MEMBER BERGEN, SECONDED BY MEMBER WITTE
AYES: BERGEN, WITTE, MURPHY, BUIE, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
ABSENT: LYDEN

R-18-23: Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to the Denville Township General Trust Fund for Affordable Housing Related Administrative Costs

MOTION TO APPROVE R-18-23:
MOVED BY MEMBER MURPHY, SECONDED BY MEMBER BUIE
AYES: BERGEN, BUIE, MURPHY, WITTE, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
ABSENT: LYDEN

R-18-24: Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contracts Exceeding $17,500

MOTION TO APPROVE R-18-24:
MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER BUIE
AYES: WITTE, BUIE, MURPHY, BERGEN, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
ABSENT: LYDEN

R-18-25: Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contracts Not to Exceed $17,500
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AYES: WITTE, BERGEN, MURPHY, BUJE, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
ABSENT: LYDEN

R-18-26: Resolution Authorizing an E.U.S. Agreement for Risk Management Consultant Services for the Year 2018
MOTION TO APPROVE R-18-26:
MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER BERGEN
AYES: MURPHY, WITTE, BUJE, BERGEN, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
ABSENT: LYDEN

R-18-27: Resolution Authorizing the Preliminary 2018 Capital Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45
MOTION TO APPROVE R-18-27:
MOVED BY MEMBER MURPHY, SECONDED BY MEMBER BERGEN
AYES: MURPHY, BERGEN, BUJE, WITTE, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
ABSENT: LYDEN

R-18-28: Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Money Due to the Redemption of Tax Sale Certificates Totaling $83,442.78 Plus Premiums
MOTION TO APPROVE R-18-28:
MOVED BY MEMBER MURPHY, SECONDED BY MEMBER WITTE
AYES: MURPHY, WITTE, BUJE, BERGEN, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
ABSENT: LYDEN

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION:
Attorney Jansen recommended that the Minutes from December 5, 2017; December 12, 2017; and December 19, 2017 be held until all Council Members who are eligible to vote are present.

January 2, 2018
MOVED BY MEMBER BUJE, SECONDED BY MEMBER MURPHY
AYES: BUJE, MURPHY, WITTE, BERGEN, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
ABSENT: LYDEN

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

The Meeting adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

Kathryn Bowditch-Leon, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Officer Dennis Subrizi was born and raised in New Milford in Bergen County. During his attendance at New Milford High School, Officer Subrizi has spoken about his interaction with a New Milford Police Officer who was assigned as the Schools SRO, and how that Officer had an impact on his life and his decision to eventually pursue a career in Law Enforcement after a lengthy U.S. Tour with his rock band.

After attending the Morris County Police Academy as an Alternate Route Candidate, Dennis was hired by the Denville Police Department on June 9, 2008 and assigned to the patrol division. He quickly became someone to be noticed, achieving the highest number of CDS arrests in his first year, having only worked for seven months, and then leading the department in arrests for the three consecutive years after that. A good police officer knows that just numbers do not make a good police officer. And interspersed in Officer Subrizi’ s Personnel file, along with the commendations for statistics, are countless letters from citizens and supervisors praising his compassionate demeanor and work ethic. He stopped while off duty to help a woman who was with an infant child and had a flat tire in another jurisdiction; He regularly would stop and interact with our young residents and simply show them his police car or stop in Gardner Field and shoot hoops.

In September, 2013, Officer Subrizi was assigned as the School Resource Officer at Morris Knolls High School. Amongst other accomplishments, he helped spearhead an anti-bullying campaign lip-dub video which featured every student and teacher in the school. In addition, Officer Subrizi served as a baseball coach at Morris Knolls, fulfilling his desire to help and mold young adults and share his passion for the game of baseball.
Officer Subrizi was then assigned to the Detective Bureau in June, 2015. While in the detective bureau, he continued to display his strong work ethic and ability and desire to work with others whenever he could. He has always taken a tremendous amount of pride in his work, service and commitment to others, whether it be police officers, victims or suspects. Officer Subrizi served in the detective bureau until his promotion to Sergeant on January 2 of this year.

Sergeant Subrizi currently holds a position as an Adjunct Professor at St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill NY, teaching criminal justice classes. He holds a Bachelor’s of Science degree from St. Thomas Aquinas in Criminal Justice and a Master’s Degree in Administrative Science along with a post graduate certificate for Leadership Theory and Practice from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Sergeant Subrizi is a Certified Drug Recognition Expert, a Certified School Resource Officer and instructor for new SRO’s, a police academy instructor and has served as a field training officer for new officers in the Denville Police Department.

Officer Subrizi currently resides in the Indian Lake Section of Denville along with his wife.

Joining Sergeant Subrizi tonight are his Wife, Anna and his mother, the Mayor of New Milford, the Honorable Ann Subrizi. In addition, Dennis is joined by his Father and Mother-in-Law, Sister and Brother-in-law, and a few aunts, uncles and cousins.