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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:
- Thomas Andes, Mayor
- Steven Ward, Administrator
- John Jansen, Township Attorney
- Michael Guarino, CFO
- Frank Perna, Police Chief
- Jeffrey Tucker, Captain
- Members of the Police Department

PRESENTATIONS:
NONE

LIAISON REPORTS:
Councilman Murphy reported that the BID’s executive committee will meet tomorrow at Town Hall and that the next general meeting will be held on February 26th. He then stated the BID will hold the business breakfast meeting on February 27th at 8:00 A.M. at St. Francis and Gene Fitzpatrick will be speaking on digital marketing. Councilman Buie stated the Beautification Committee continues to plan for the spring and is always accepting volunteers.
Councilwoman Witte had nothing to report.
Councilman Bergen had nothing to report.
Councilwoman Lyden had nothing to report.
President Gabel had nothing to report.

MAYOR’S REPORT:
Mayor Andes stated that he supports the introduction of the budget and thanked everyone for their hard work. He then congratulated Chief Perna and Captain Tucker.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:
Administrator Ward stated he will save his report for the next meeting.

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

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION
Don Casse (21 Snyder Avenue) asked about the length of the lease agreement with Springpoint at Denville, Inc. for the continued use of the recreational fields and if there was any discussion about development of the property and not having access to the fields. Attorney Jansen stated that the term of the agreement is 36 months and that there was no indication of imminent development plans for the property.

CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION

MATTERS OF OLD AND/OR NEW BUSINESS:
Township Attorney Jansen read the highlights of the resolution approving the 2019 Budget.
R-19-41: Introduction of the Township of Denville 2019 Municipal Budget
MOTION TO APPROVE R-19-41:
MOVED BY MEMBER MURPHY, SECONDED BY MEMBER WITIE
AYES: MURPHY, WITIE, BUIE, BERGEN, LYDEN, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BOROWIEC

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:
NONE

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:
NONE

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:
NONE

CONSENT AGENDA:
R-19-42: Resolution Refunding 2019 Utility Overpayment
R-19-43: Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Stale Dated Checks
R-19-44: Resolution Authorizing Raffle licenses in the Township of Denville

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 BUIE
AYES: BERGEN, BUIE, MURPHY, WITIE, LYDEN, PRESIDENT GABEL
ABSENT: BOROWIEC

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:
R-19-45: Resolution Authorizing Transfers of Calendar Year 2018 Budget Appropriations

MOTION TO APPROVE R-19-45:
MOVED BY MEMBER WITIE, SECONDED BY MEMBER BERGEN
AYES: WITIE, BERGEN, MURPHY, BUIE, LYDEN, PRESIDENT GABEL
ABSENT: BOROWIEC

R-19-46: Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Unexpended and Dedicated Balances of General Capital Appropriations

MOTION TO APPROVE R-19-46:
MOVED BY MEMBER BERGEN, SECONDED BY MEMBER WITIE
AYES: BERGEN, WITIE, MURPHY, BUIE, LYDEN, PRESIDENT GABEL
ABSENT: BOROWIEC

R-19-47: Resolution Authorizing the Township of Denville to Execute a Lease Agreement with Springpoint at Denville, Inc. for Temporary Recreational Facilities

MOTION TO APPROVE R-19-47:
MOVED BY MEMBER BERGEN, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: BERGEN, LYDEN, MURPHY, BUIE, WITIE, PRESIDENT GABEL
ABSENT: BOROWIEC

R-19-48: Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Money Due to the Redemption of Tax Sale Certificates

MOTION TO APPROVE R-19-48:
MOVED BY MEMBER BERGEN, SECONDED BY MEMBER WITIE
AYES: BERGEN, WITIE, MURPHY, BUIE, LYDEN, PRESIDENT GABEL
ABSENT: BOROWIEC
MINUTES FOR ADOPTION:

January 29, 2019
February 5, 2019
February 12, 2019

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES:

MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER BERGEN
AYES: WITTE, BERGEN, MURPHY, BUIE (abstain from 2/5/2019), LYDEN (abstain from 2/12/2019), PRESIDENT GABEL
ABSENT: BOROWIEC

CEREMONIAL MATTERS:

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO FRANK Perna, PROMOTION TO CHIEF OF POLICE
Administrator Ward stated he was proud tonight to be able to promote Frank Perna to Chief of Police. He then provided a brief resume and personal background information on Chief Perna, which comments are attached to these minutes.

Chief Perna was joined in the front of the Chambers by his wife, Jennifer and his daughters, Maddison, Charlee and Billie.

Municipal Clerk Bowditch-Leon then administered the Oath of Office to Chief Perna.

Chief Perna made a few remarks, which may be found at the end of these minutes.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO JEFFREY TUCKER, PROMOTION TO CAPTAIN
Chief Perna stated he was proud tonight to be able to celebrate the promotion of Jeffery Tucker to Captain. He then provided a brief resume and personal background information on Captain Tucker, which comments are attached to these minutes.

Captain Tucker was joined in the front of the Chambers by his wife, Laura, and his daughters, Jenna, Lindsey and Kara.

Municipal Clerk Bowditch-Leon then administered the Oath of Office to Captain Tucker.

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

The Meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Kathryn Bowditch-Leon, RMC
Municipal Clerk
It is a great honor and privilege for me to introduce to you Frank Perna.

Frank Perna was born and raised in Rockaway Bora, NJ. He attended Rockaway Borough Schools and graduated from Morris Hills High School in 1987. He then attended Kutztown University in Pennsylvania and graduated in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

Frank was appointed to the Denville Police Department on January 17, 1994 and attended the 43rd Basic Class for Police Officers at the Morris County Police Academy, graduating June, 1994. Upon graduation, Frank was appointed to Denville's patrol division. In March 2001, Frank was assigned to the detective division and then was promoted to Sergeant in November 2007. As sergeant, he was assigned back to the patrol division and supervised a patrol squad. A little more than 4 years later, Frank was promoted to Lieutenant in January 2012 and was assigned as the patrol division commander, responsible for all of the patrol officers, sergeants and dispatchers. Frank was then promoted to Captain in July 2018, and served directly underneath Chief Christopher Wagner. Upon Chief Wagner's retirement on January 31, Frank was officially promoted to Chief of Police effective February 1, 2019.

I would like to share a few notable accomplishments during Frank's career. As a patrol officer, he was assigned as a DARE Instructor, was Denville's first School Resource Officer and
selected by his peers to serve as the PBA President and Vice President.

One of Frank's most notable accomplishments that occurred early on in his career, was the creation and implementation of the Junior Police Academy. Back in 1999, with only 5 years in the department, Frank attended a Community Policing Class and created a model Junior Police Academy program as his capstone project. He returned to Denville and proposed and was granted permission to offer the program to youth aged 10 to 14 for one week during that summer. This program has continued for 19 years and is, one of the best community relations program our department offers. It has touched and continues to touch the lives of hundreds of children, and helps build positive relationships with those children, their families and their community. As an offshoot of the Junior Policy Academy that Frank created, our department began its first Citizen Police Academy, which is now entering its 3rd year in 2019.

Although I could continue to summarize Frank's very impressive and voluminous personnel file and list his many accomplishments and accolades, there was one trait that was a constant and recurring theme in his performance reviews throughout his career, and that, is his trait as a leader. From his time as a young patrol officer to the many years he served in promotional ranks, his leadership skills and abilities were noted and continually recognized by an array of different supervisors as well as his peers.
know many of you here this evening have known Frank for much longer than I have. In fact, I only first met him less than 9 years ago when I began working here in Denville. Needless to say, every interaction I had with him was positive and professional. During the past several months, since I've had an opportunity to spend more time with Frank and learn more about his character, it became very evident as to why he was tagged as having such exceptional leadership skills. He is clearly a man of character and of great integrity whose primary objective is to make all decisions based upon his solid moral beliefs as to what is right.

It are these character traits which provides me little doubt as to why Frank has had so much success in both his professional and personal life and will make an excellent Chief of Police for the Township of Denville.

With Frank tonight is his wife, Jennifer; his Daughters; Maddison, Charlee and Billie (his oldest daughter Frankie is away at college in Tennessee, but I am sure she is thinking of her dad tonight); his mother Ritchie Samples and her husband Ret. Marine Maj. John Samples; his brother, Charlie, sister Mary; his brother and sister-in-Law Michael and Dorothy Murr and his niece Jessica Murr. Call up wife (Jennifer) and three daughters (Maddison, Charlee and Billie) for swearing in and pinning.
Hello,

I would like to start by thanking the Town Council, I look forward to working with you, and "I would like to thank Mayor Andes, Steve Ward, and Chief Wagner for affording me the challenge and opportunity to be Chief of Police of our great department. I was sworn in as a Denville Police Officer over 25 years ago, and I was told how lucky I was to be hired by Denville by many veteran officers across the county. After 25 years of being here, I would agree without a doubt, they were 100 percent correct. I would like to thank the Denville Officers who came before me, who work with me, and those who come after me. Thank you very much, we have worked hard to make this police department what it is today, a proud, well educated, hardworking organization that strive to serve the residents of Denville. The officers you see standing work every day to make sure the citizens of Denville feel safe and protected. They are enf arcing the traffic and criminal laws of the state and the ordinances of the Twp. They take time to interact with the residents, visiting the public, business owners and the children of Denville every day. Every officer here adheres to the departments' core values of integrity, honesty, fairness, respect and compassion. I am very proud to be part of this department and the group of officers that make this Police Department one of the best in the state.

I would also like to thank and recognize my wife, Jennifer, and daughters, Frankie, Maddison, Charlee, and Billie, you keep me humble, grounded and you bring joy to my life every day. If it wasn't for the unconditional love that I receive from you, I wouldn't be where I am today. I love you all very much!

Thank you!

I would now like to proceed with tonight’s proceedings and Introduce to you newly promoted Captain Jeffrey Tucker.
Captain Jeffrey Tucker was hired by the Denville Police Department on December 11th 1995, after serving one year with NJ Transit Police Department. Jeff was born and raised in Denville and attended the Denville School System eventually graduating from MKHS in 1990. He also served as a volunteer on the Denville Fire Department and First Aid Squad prior to becoming a Denville Police Officer.

Jeff was assigned to the Traffic Division in March 2003. While in the Traffic Division he completed a multitude of tasks; being part of the crash team, traffic enforcement, radar instructor for the department, and undertaking of many computer tasks which included the development of the first department web page.

In March of 2012, He was assigned to the Detective Bureau. As a detective he was involved in many high profile cases and was responsible for all of the evidence that was stored at the department. In fact Jeff was responsible for a complete inventory, redesign and construction of our present evidence room.

In July of 2015, Jeff was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the Patrol division where he was in charge a patrol squad. In addition to his patrol division responsibilities, he was heavily involved with many civic oriented programs as a PAL Director, Junior Police Academy organizer, Designer of the Citizens Police Academy which will begin its third class starting tomorrow, Organizer of Coffee with a Cop, and the Development and implementation of our current website.

In September of 2017, Jeff was promoted to Lieutenant and was in charge of the Support Services Division as the Detective Lieutenant. Jeff oversaw the Community Services Bureau and the Detective Bureau.

Jeff possesses an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from the County College of Morris and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Jersey City State University.

With Jeff tonight are his wife, Laura; daughters Jenna, Lindsey, and Kara; his sister Kathy and her husband Bruce, and brother Doug and his wife Dina.

Will Laura, Jenna, Lindsey and Kara please step forward.