TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING

March 12, 2019

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Council President Gabel. The Salute to the Flag was recited. Deputy Municipal Clerk Danielle Lewis read the Notice of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and noted that this is a non-smoking facility. The Deputy Clerk requested that all electronics be silenced at this time.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Buie, Witte, Bergen, Lyden, Borowiec, President Gabel
Absent: Murphy

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Thomas W. Andes, Mayor; Steven Ward, Administrator

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION

No one wished to be heard.

CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION

R-19-62: Resolution Authorizing Limousine License in the Township of Denville

MOTION TO APPROVE R-19-62:

MOVED BY MEMBER LYDEN, SECONDED BY MEMBER BUIE
AYES: LYDEN, BUIE, WITTE, BERGEN, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MURPHY

PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Discussion on Amendments to Chapter IV, General Licensing, Section 4-13, Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Establishments

Administrator Ward stated that since adoption of the ordinance two years ago, there has been one initial licensing cycle and one renewal cycle. After receiving feedback from the local establishments, he noted that nine changes to the current ordinance are being proposed.

He shared that when the ordinance was adopted, there were fourteen to fifteen active massage establishments in the Township, some of which were providing illegal services. He explained that since adoption, ten legitimate establishments have been licensed and that no known new establishments providing illegal services have opened in Denville.

Mr. Ward stated that the number of complaints received by the Police Department about massage therapy establishments has greatly decreased over the past year and a half that the ordinance has been in effect. He noted that thirteen summonses have been issued since the ordinance was adopted, but that these were predominantly related to sleeping quarters being present within establishments.

Administrator Ward reviewed the proposed changes to the ordinance.

President Gabel asked Kristen Pamperin to share her thoughts on the proposed changes.
Kristin Pamperin (Urban Muse, 82 Broadway) commented that she is in agreement with all of the changes that have been proposed. Ms. Pamperin then explained that all massage therapists licensed in the State of New Jersey are on the same 2-year renewal schedule and asked if massage establishments could provide a roster of employees to the Township during the off-year when there are no renewals. She explained that it would save the establishments a lot of extra work and that the Township would be able to check the employee names in the State database to ensure that their licenses are valid.

Administrator Ward stated that he discussed Ms. Pamperin’s suggestion with the Police Department and Health Officer Carlos Perez, Jr. He explained that it was their understanding that the State physically takes possession of the license that has been revoked and hence they would like to receive a copy of the license every year for verification purposes at the time of renewal. Discussion ensued regarding this issue.

**Discussion on Amendments to Chapter XXII, Parks and Recreation Areas, with Respect to Veterans Memorial Field**

Administrator Ward said the season for the turf field at Veterans Memorial Park has been extended for the past two years by resolution. He explained that currently the ordinance permits the fields to be used from the first Sunday in March until November 15th. He said that Administration proposes that the fields remain open until December 18th of each year and then re-open on February 15th of the following year.

Councilman Buie asked why the fields need to be closed. Administrator Ward explained that if the fields are open, the lights must remain on, and Mayor Andes added that the turf freezes in cold temperatures.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER BUIE

AYES: UNANIMOUS
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MURPHY

The Meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

Danielle M. Lewis
Deputy Municipal Clerk