TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING

April 9, 2019

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Council President Gabel. The Salute to the Flag was recited. 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 Municipal Clerk requested that all electronics be silenced at this time.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:
Thomas W. Andes, Mayor; Steven Ward, Administrator

President Gabel reviewed the procedure for tonight’s meeting for the public in attendance.

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION
Hank Tomlinson (6 Farmstead Road) expressed his displeasure at the lack of progress made by both the Townships of Boonton and Denville regarding the property located at 130 Old Denville Road, Boonton Township. (Hamilton Farms). He asked that Denville Township work with representatives from Boonton Township to purchase the property, either as open space or as part of the Tourne Park. He then requested that Denville Township pass a resolution or ordinance stating that the Township will not support medical or recreational marijuana cultivation, processing and/or sales.

Mayor Andes explained that Boonton Township could request funds from the Morris County Open Space Trust Fund to assist in purchasing the property as open space, but that it would have to be initiated by Boonton Township.

Administrator Ward explained that the Administration has contacted Planning Board Attorney Ed Buzak regarding what options are available to the Township with regard to the planned cultivation of medical marijuana on the Hamilton Farms property. He then provided a brief history of the legal issues associated with medical marijuana and then summarized possible actions the Township could take to stop the medical marijuana cultivation in Boonton Township.

Mayor Andes explained the Township has asked Mr. Buzak’s office to draft two resolutions, one opposing personal recreational marijuana legalization and the other opposing the purchase of the Hamilton Farms property by NETA NJ. He stated that it is the intention of the Township to have both resolutions listed on the April 16, 2019 agenda. He then asked Mr. Ward to explain the procedure for a municipality to purchase property using open space funds.

Mr. Tomlinson asked what the balance of Denville’s open space fund was, to which Mr. Ward stated that at the end of 2019 there will be less than $10,000 available and listed what the funds will be used for in 2019.

Mathew Abraham (85 Old Boonton Road) discussed the principal of Home Rule and asked that the attorney review if Home Rule is something that could be used in this circumstance. He stated that he attended the County Freeholders meeting where he advised them that Old Boonton Road, which is a County roadway, is the only means of ingress and egress from the Hamilton Farms property. He then asked that the Township identify if there are any properties in Denville that can be used in a similar way.

Donna Tomlinson (6 Farmstead Road) read Boonton Township Ordinance #102-157 which lists the benefits derived from keeping areas for agricultural use within the Township of Boonton. She asked that Boonton Township be reminded of this portion of their Code.

CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION
PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSIONS

*Downtown Denville - Summary of Parking Study*

Ryan Gleason, Executive Director Downtown Denville BID, read a statement which may be found at the end of these minutes.

John McCormack, Dynamic Traffic, LLC., gave a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted the findings of the parking study done in October and November of 2018. The presentation may be found at the end of these minutes.

*Denville Board of Education - 2019 Budget Presentation*

Steve Forte, Superintendent of Denville Board of Education, gave a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the proposed 2019/2020 budget. A copy of the presentation may be found at the end of these minutes.

Councilman Murphy asked how this year's increase of $95 compared to previous years' increases? Mr. Forte explained that last year's increase was $146 and that the district received an additional $122,000 in funding this year.

Councilman Buie stated that he was pleased with the added safety measures being implemented in the schools.

Councilman Borowiec stated he liked the proposed repairs to the Valleyview School fields and asked if there will be a plan in place to rest the fields in order to ensure they will not be overused. Mr. Forte explained that there will be an agreement with the Township that will schedule rest periods for each field.

President Gabel stated that he was happy that the activity fee is no longer in place and then asked if there has been any success in securing outside funding, to which Mr. Forte answered there has been a little progress. President Gabel then asked about the Board's long-range security plans. Mr. Forte explained that Alyssa's Law, which was recently adopted, is supposed to include funding provided by the State and that he would like to eventually have all the security measures tie-in together. President Gabel then asked if anything will be put into place to increase the ranking of Valleyview School, to which Mr. Forte stated yes.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER BUIE

AYES: UNANIMOUS
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BERGEN

The Meeting adjourned at 9:01 P.M.

Kathryn Bowditch-Leon
Municipal Clerk
Good evening,

To start I'd first like to thank you all for the opportunity to make this presentation before you today. As many of you know, Downtown Denville's mission is to drive commerce and expand economic opportunity in our downtown by providing services, development, improvements, and community-oriented programming that appeals to shoppers, workers, residents, and visitors. The aim of Downtown Denville is to create a vibrant downtown that reflects our unique history, and where both businesses and residents can flourish. It is with this mission in mind that Downtown Denville identified parking concerns as a major priority for us to tackle. In late August of 2017, we conducted an initial survey about our downtown which garnered over 350 responses, mostly made up of residents and business owners. In response to the question "In your opinion, what is the number one (1) issue affecting downtown Denville?" nearly 40% of survey takers identified parking as the primary concern.

With this in mind, our organization set out to better understand the issue, and in late 2018, we retained the services of Dynamic Traffic LLC, a professional service firm with a local office based out of Chester, NJ. Dynamic Traffic is a leader in the traffic engineering and transportation planning fields. Our board valued their more holistic approach to tackling parking challenges, and tasked them with conducting a study that would provide us with concrete recommendations which we could then take to the Township.

The study itself was conducted over the course of two days in late October / early November of last year, and focused on the following areas:

- Parking space turnover
- Location of employee parking
- Incentives for parking in the outer lots
• Improved wayfinding and signage
• Pedestrian accessibility and walkability
• Reduced vehicle circulation
• Shared parking opportunities
• Redesign of existing facilities
• Business permit parking system
• New parking facilities

Their work resulted in a number of finding and recommendations, a summary of which they will be presenting tonight.

I'd like to stress that we believe this summary presentation is only the first step in a process that we hope engages all stakeholders, from government, to businesses, to residents. We are not asking that the Council move on any of these recommendations right away, but hope to move forward by formulating a parking committee that can further engage on this vital issue, and begin to roll out changes to our parking system that works for everyone.

With that said, I'd like to introduce John McCormack and Patrick Downey with Dynamic Traffic to summarize both their findings and recommendations.

Thank you and welcome John and Patrick.
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Denville Board of Education

Budget Presentation

April 2019
DENVILLE TOWNSHIP
SCHOOL DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN 2022

GOAL:
To develop a culture of learning that enables students to excel in the 21st century global community.

OBJECTIVES:
Create an environment of collaboration, growth, learning, and creativity, infusing technology where applicable, to encourage growth in the area of student learning and staff development.
Review and modify curriculum, incorporating current and emerging technology as needed, to promote skill-based and real-world applications.
Develop a shared responsibility among the district as a community, involving parents, mentors, and family.

GOAL:
Provide a rich learning environment based in the New Jersey standards that will challenge students at all levels with a standardized system to measure growth.

OBJECTIVES:
Continue to provide a comprehensive and challenging curriculum by differing academic opportunities.
Implement student-centered approaches to learning using unique delivery methods to address a variety of learning styles.
Expand implementation of and utilize technologies to increase student learning.
Maintain effective, growth-oriented professional development.

GOAL:
Create an environment that fosters self-aware, resilient, diverse-minded and empathetic citizens.

OBJECTIVES:
Promote global citizenship in our students.
Utilize social and emotional learning (SEL) to enhance students’ capabilities to meet challenges effectively and to prepare for future successes.
To meet the needs of the whole child by providing an inclusive and engaging learning environment that encourages students to discover and develop their unique talents and abilities.
Foster a community of growth mindset learners that recognize that intelligence and talent can be developed through hard work, perseverance, and dedication.

GOAL:
To create a safe and secure learning environment equipped to deliver 21st century educational expectations, using efficient and sustainable facilities district-wide.

OBJECTIVES:
Continue to assess and improve internal and external school safety and security during and after school hours.
Continue to upgrade/improve facilities to be cost-effective, energy-efficient, and sustainable.
Continue to solve for maximum efficiency and balance in use of spaces across the district.
Continue to address/maintain needs while enhancing existing facilities and planning for the elimination of the use of rentals and substandard instructional spaces.
Denville School District Goals- 2018-19

- To obtain Future Ready Schools status. (Supports Strategic Plan goals 1A, 1B, 1C.)
- Increase achievement for all students who are not meeting grade-level benchmarks. (Supports Strategic Plan goals 2A – 2D.)
- Improve mental health supports for students. (Supports Strategic Plan goal 3C.)
- To investigate and prepare a plan for potential student population growth. (Supports Strategic Plan goal 4C.)
BUDGET 2019-2020

Discretionary
General Supplies/Text Books 748,599
Tech Services/Software 597,398
Prof Development (Workshops, etc) 92,000
Capital Projects / Leases 272,704

1,710,701

Discretionary  Non-Discretionary
Local Property Tax-share

92.89% from local property tax
## Budget 2019-2020 Categories

### Denville K-8 Board of Education

#### 2019-2020

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<td>Special Education: salaries, software, supplies, text, OT/PT- OOD tuition</td>
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<td>Basic Skills &amp; ESL: salaries and supplies</td>
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<td>4,001,149</td>
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<td>Administration &amp; Technology: tech department, school and central administration, legal Prof. Services</td>
<td>2,513,957</td>
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<td>Maintenance &amp; Transportation: buses, staff, supplies, B/G projects, salaries, utilities</td>
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<td>Employee Benefits: all staff benefits- pension, medical insurance, SS</td>
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## Budget Provides Funding For Technology

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<td>TECHNOLOGY DEVICES- CHROMEBOOKS- 6TH GRADE</td>
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<td>REPLACEMENT OF LAB AND OFFICE COMPUTERS</td>
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<td>KINDERGARDEN TOUCH SCREEN DEVICES- RV</td>
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<td>4 IMAC COMPUTERS REPLACEMENT- MUSIC LAB - VV</td>
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<td>3D PRINTER &amp; DRONE KITS- STEM CLASS - VV</td>
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<td>WHITEBOARDS REPLACEMENT- LV CLASSROOMS</td>
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## Buildings and Grounds

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<td>Ceiling Grid-District-Wide</td>
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<td>Renovate Locker-Room - VV</td>
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<td>Wyckoff</td>
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Denville Rank 6

Property Tax Data 2018 Comparison Group

This group represents all K-8 districts in central and north NJ with between 1000-3000 students and in DFG 1 - there are 12 districts that meet all criteria

Cost Drivers

- Special Education Cost Increases - increased costs for programs
- Mental Health Services
- Legal - true budgeted costs based on actual spend
- Security enhancements – increase hours for Class III officers
- Facilities Projects
- Health Benefits - 6% increase in Health Benefits coverage
Did you know...?

- The District continues to budget funds for lunches for economically disadvantaged students.
- Activity fees for athletics and clubs implemented since 2010 are eliminated in this Budget.
- This Budget includes an increase for clinical service program with St. Clare’s.
- The District paid-off the Debt Service refinance in 2009 from last referendum.

Contact: Damaris Gurowsky dgurowsky@denville.org or Steve Forte sforte@denville.org if there are any questions