Township Council
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TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING

MAY 10, 2016

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President Golinski. The Salute to the Flag was recited, followed by the reading of the Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act Statement by Deputy Municipal Clerk Kathleen Costello. Mrs. Costello noted that this is a non-smoking facility and asked that all cell phones be silenced at this time.

ROLL CALL:
Present: Gabel, Witte, Kuser, Lyden, Fitzpatrick, President Golinski
Absent: Murphy

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Thomas Andes, Mayor; Steven Ward, Administrator; Stephen Dublanica, Social Services Coordinator

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

President Golinski advised that there are three (3) Presentations scheduled for this evening; Social Services Department Update, Beautification Committee Update and Personnel Update.

President Golinski stated that, with regard to the Personnel Update, he would like to publicly thank and recognize our Deputy Clerk Kathleen Costello for over thirty (30) years of service to Denville. President Golinski gave a brief recap of Deputy Clerk Costello’s career with the Township and spoke kindly of Mrs. Costello’s service to the Council and the town. He then presented the Deputy Clerk with probably the world’s largest bouquet of flowers and a generous gift card to a local restaurant.
Councilmen Fitzpatrick and Kuser and Councilwoman Witte each made a few very kind comments about the Deputy and wished her well in her retirement.
Mayor Andes noted that he was a member of the Council at the time Mrs. Costello was appointed to the position of Deputy Municipal Clerk. He thanked Mrs. Costello for her years of service and told her that she is a terrific person to work with. The Mayor said that Mrs. Costello will be missed.

Social Services Update — Stephen Dublanica, Social Services Coordinator
Mr. Dublanica gave a brief biography of himself, covering his education, work experience and how he came to be in the position of Social Services Coordinator. He then presented a detailed update of the work that has been done since he took the position, his plans for future programs and technical improvements. Mr. Dublanica provided the Council members with a handout describing the programs and some of the services provided by the Social Services Department. (A copy of that handout is attached to these minutes.) Mr. Dublanica acknowledged the volunteers who work in the department and said he could not do his job without them.
President Golinski thanked Mr. Dublanica for his informative and interesting presentation. He said that the Council will try very hard to work with him and support his efforts.

Beautification Committee Update — Franz Fuertges, Chairman
Franz Fuertges spoke briefly about beautification as it relates to gardening and noted that gardening, for many people, can be therapy. He said that his goal, over the years, is to make Denville a more than
outstanding place. Mr. Fuertges commented that he believes that the little things that the Beautification Committee does influences people's behavior. Mr. Fuertges and Mrs. Ruth Gimbel presented a slide show depicting various areas in Denville that have been improved by adding plants and flowers and other areas that the Committee would like to improve in the near future. Following the presentation, Mr. Fuertges noted that there are approximately fifty (50) planters that need to be painted and converted to self-watering planters in order to place them in various spots throughout the Township. He said that volunteers are badly needed to accomplish this task. Mayor Andes interjected that he has spoken with Mr. Gabel regarding the possibility of making the planters an Eagle Scout project in order to get at least some of the planters usable again. Mr. Gabel said that he will put it on the Eagle Scout Projects list. President Golinski noted that Girl Scouts also take on projects to acquire their Gold Awards.

President Golinski thanked Mr. Fuertges and the Committee for the fine presentation and asked if a copy could be provided to Administration so it can be posted on the Township's website. He said perhaps that will lead to more volunteers for the Beautification Committee. Mayor Andes noted the he and Mr. Ward had a conversation a couple of weeks ago and one of the things that came out of that meeting was posting a "Volunteers — Help Wanted" section on the Township website. He said that several departments and committees are listed as needing volunteers — including Beautification. The Mayor advised that the first person to volunteer through that posting wants to work on the Beautification Committee. Mayor Andes added that there is young Boy Scout, Brendan Flood, present tonight who is interested in taking on the repair of the driveway at Veterans Field as his Eagle Scout Project. He asked Mr. Fuertges to work with Brendan on that project. President Golinski commented that we are really blessed to live in a town where we can spend our Workshop Meeting talking about helping other people and making our town more beautiful, all in the most cost effective ways.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

MOVED BY MEMBER LYDEN, SECONDED BY MEMBER WITTE

AYES: UNANIMOUS

ABSENT: MURPHY

The Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathleen A. Costello
Deputy Municipal Clerk