TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

October 2, 2018

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Council President Gabel. The Salute to the Flag was led by Cub Scout Pack 99, 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. Clerk Bowditch-Leon 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

PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL MATTERS

NONE

LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Borowiec reported that Denville TV has renewed their contract with Altice/Optimum through October 2019. He stated that video from the building of the playground, the WWI mobile museum and the dedication of Jack O’Keeffe Plaza will be shown on Altice/Optimum and on Denville YouTube. Mr. Borowiec announced that the Recreation Committee held another successful Senior Social.

Councilman Bergen had nothing to report.

Councilman Murphy reported that the Green Sustainability Committee held a well attended movie night on September 13th and on Thursday night will be hosting a session about solar power for homeowners as part of a continuing lecture series. He stated that at an upcoming Farmer’s Market, bookmarks will be distributed by the Green Sustainability Committee that will list recyclable items and the hours of the Township recycling center. Mr. Murphy then reported that at the Morris County School of Technology Board of Education meeting they discussed the flooding of the sidewalk along Route 53 due to the recent roadwork done by the NJ Department of Transportation. Mr. Murphy stated that the BID will be hiring a part-time administrative assistant to help with updating social media. He then announced that Pink Witches night will be held on October 18th and that, in recognition of October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Broadway has been decorated in pink. He then announced that at the Kiwanis Installation Dinner, Council President Gabel was recognized for 30 years of service.

Councilman Buie reported that the Environmental Commission met and reviewed applications.

Councilwoman Witte reported that the Denville Senior Citizens Yard Sale was a great success. She stated that P.R.I.D.E. approved new board members. She then advised the Council Members of some event dates, including the Denville Historical Society Ghost Stories on October 26th, a concert by the Imperial Brass Band presented by Kiwanis on November 17th and the Township’s Holiday Parade on November 25th, and stated that the BID will be including the events on its calendar. She announced that Sunrise Rotary continues to hold monthly blood drives on the third Wednesday of each month and that the remaining bricks from the old Gardner Field Playground will be used to make a pathway to the gazebo. She then stated that P.R.I.D.E. voted to increase the 8th grade scholarship amount from $50 to $200.

President Gabel reported that the Rivers & Streams Committee and the Denville Historical Society will meet next week. He then stated that the Denville Fire Department Annual Inspection and Dinner was held on Saturday and that the Fire Department looked very good.
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MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Andes reported that the First Avenue Streetscape Project is out for bid and that the bid opening will be November 29th. He stated that work has begun on the Peggy Gray Bridge at Muriel Hepner Park. He then announced that it was a successful work weekend at the Gardner Field Playground, despite a few snags due to some of the pieces being on back order. He stated that the dedication of the playground is still a few weeks away. Mayor Andes reminded everyone that the Vamp Up Vets Field Food Truck and Family Festival will be held on Sunday and that the Jack O’Keeffe Plaza dedication will be held on Friday at 3:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
Administrator Ward updated the Council Members on the status of the 2018 road resurfacing project and stated that the last few roadways will be paved sometime in late October. Mr. Ward then advised that police officer interviews were conducted and a new officer will be starting on Monday, October 8th. He stated that interviews for the three vacancies at DPW will be held later this week.

Councilman Bergen recognized the Cub Scouts and how squared away they look. Councilwoman Witte advised the Cub Scouts that organizations like P.R.I.D.E donate money towards Eagle Scout projects, which is something to remember for the future.

Councilman Buie asked how many applications were received for the police officer position, to which Administrator Ward responded over 260. He then explained the hiring process and that the list of candidates is good for 2 years, with the last list being from 2016.

CORRESPONDENCE
All correspondence has been copied and distributed to Council.

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION
Ted L’Estrange (43 Prospect Hill Rd, Cuddebackville, NY) read a statement explaining China’s persecution and state-sanctioned killing of practitioners of Falun Gong and other prisoners of conscience and the resulting harvesting and selling of organs for profit. He requested that the Municipal Council adopt a resolution condemning this practice and left envelopes with further information for distribution to all Council Members.

CLOSED PUBLIC PORTION

MATTERS OF OLD AND/OR NEW BUSINESS
NONE

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPTION
NONE

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION
Ordinance No. 26-18
BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:

An Ordinance of the Township of Denville, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Right of Way, Driveway and Septic System Improvements Easement for the Property Designated as Block 70501, Lot 498 and Block 70502, Lot 335, Located at 125-126 Hillcrest Drive

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, BUICE, BERGEN, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: LYDEN

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said ordinance shall be considered for final passage at the meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Denville on 11-20-2018 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 BERGEN
AYES: MURPHY, BERGEN, BUICE, WITTE, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: LYDEN

Ordinance No. 27-18
BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:
An Ordinance of the Township of Denville, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, to Amend Chapter 15, Sewer and Water, Section 15-1, Water Regulations and Section 15-10, Individual Sewage Disposal Systems, and to Amend Chapter 2A, Fees

Be Introduced and Read by Title on First Reading:
MOTION TO READ BY TITLE:
MOVED BY MEMBER BUICE, SECONDED BY MEMBER BERGEN
AYES: BUICE, BERGEN, MURPHY, WITTE, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: LYDEN

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

Ordinance No. 28-18
BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:

An Ordinance Appropriating $50,000 from the General Capital Improvement Fund and $15,000 from the Public Assistance Trust Fund of the Township of Denville for a Replacement Bus and Associated Items in Connection with the Township’s Dial-A-Ride Program

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

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MOTION TO PASS ON FIRST READING:
MOVED BY MEMBER BUJE, SECONDED BY MEMBER BERGEN
AYES: BUJE, BERGEN, MURPHY, WITTE, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: LYDEN

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION
NONE

CONSENT AGENDA
R-18-189: Resolution Authorizing Raffle Licenses in the Township of Denville
R-18-190: Resolution Authorizing Reinstatement of the Original Sewer Assessment Installment Plan for Certain Properties in the Township of Denville
R-18-191: Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Social Affair Permit by the State of New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control
R-18-192: Resolution Refunding 2018 Utility Overpayment
R-18-193: Resolution Granting Permission to Bid for the Purchase of Seven Thermal Imaging Cameras for the Fire Department
R-18-194: Resolution Granting Permission to Bid for the Purchase of a Cascade System for the Fire Department

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

Councilman Murphy asked Mr. Ward about the status of the Fire Department’s request for Dive Team Equipment and the shed and how long these items remain open. Mr. Ward stated that the Dive Team Equipment went out to bid and was awarded and that he will check on the status of the shed. He stated that these are capital items and therefore will remain open indefinitely until the Council cancels the item.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA
R-18-195: Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Extra Duty Solutions for the Administration of the Denville Police Department’s Extra Duty Details

MOTION TO APPROVE R-18-195
MOVED BY MEMBER MURPHY, SECONDED BY MEMBER BERGEN
AYES: MURPHY, BERGEN, BUIE, WITTE, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: LYDEN

R-18-196: Resolution Adopting a Fund Balance Policy

MOTION TO APPROVE R-18-196
MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER BERGEN
AYES: WITTE, BERGEN, MURPHY, BUIE, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: LYDEN

R-18-197: Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Money Due to the Redemption of a Tax Sale Certificate

MOTION TO APPROVE R-18-197
MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER BERGEN
AYES: WITTE, BERGEN, MURPHY, BUIE, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: LYDEN

R-18-198: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Federal Aid Agreement for the First Avenue Streetscape, Federal Project Number TAP-1126(300)

MOTION TO APPROVE R-18-198
MOVED BY MEMBER MURPHY, SECONDED BY MEMBER BERGEN
AYES: MURPHY, BERGEN, BUIE, WITTE, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
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ABSENT:       LYDEN

R-18-199:  Resolution Authorizing the Investment of Certain Funds of the Township as Evidenced by the
           Execution of a One Year Bond Anticipation Note for the Sum of $3,696,000 at a Rate of 1%
           Per Annum

MOTION TO APPROVE R-18-199

MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER BERGEN

AYES:        WITTE, BERGEN, MURPHY, BUIE, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL

NAYS:        NONE

ABSENT:      LYDEN

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION:
    September 11, 2018
    September 18, 2018

MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER BUIE

AYES:        WITTE, BUIE, MURPHY (Abstain for 09/18/2018), BERGEN, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL

NAYS:        NONE

ABSENT:      LYDEN

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER BUIE

AYES:        UNANIMOUS

The Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Kathryn Bowditch-Leon, RMC
Municipal Clerk