The Meeting was called to order by President Golinski at 7:30 p.m. The Salute to the Flag was recited, followed by an Invocation given by Councilman Gabel. Township Clerk Bowditch-Leon read the Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, advised that this is a non-smoking facility and asked that all cell phones be silenced at this time.

ROLL CALL:
Present: GABEL, KUSER, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, SCOLLANS, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
Absent: Councilwoman Smith was absent at Roll Call but arrived at 7:40 p.m.
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: THOMAS ANDES, MAYOR; STEVEN WARD, ADMINISTRATOR; JOHN JANSEN, TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY.

LIAISON REPORTS:
Councilman Scollans reported that he attended the Denville School Board meeting and several reports were presented. He said that a number of new employees were hired and one salary adjustment was approved. Mr. Scollans noted that, since no acceptable bid was received for the Openaki Schoolhouse, it will be sold privately. Councilman Scollans advised that he attended the PRIDE meeting and several events were discussed, including the PRIDE dinner which will be held on April 1, 2016. Mr. Scollans reported that the last Deer Management season was again incident free and fourteen (14) antlerless deer and two (2) bucks were taken. He noted that a discussion was held regarding the donation of the meat to feed the hungry. Councilman Scollans advised that an Associate Professor from Rutgers University gave an excellent presentation on flood management at the Rockaway River Watershed Cabinet meeting.

Councilman Fitzpatrick reported that instead of its monthly breakfast, the Chamber of Commerce is holding a networking event at the Lakeland Hills YMCA at 6:00 p.m. He said that they will be joined by other Chambers of Commerce from surrounding towns. Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that the Chamber will hold its annual Pink Witches Night on October 22, at 6:00 p.m. with the focus on breast cancer awareness. Councilman Fitzpatrick advised that the Beautification Committee will have a work party beginning at about 5:30 tomorrow evening and another one on Saturday. He said that the Rivers and Streams Committee will meet next Wednesday.

Councilwoman Lyden reported that she attended the Denville TV Committee meeting and met the new members of the Committee. She advised that anyone wishing to see Denville events may go to Channel 21 on Cablevision on Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Lyden noted that the Committee will be filming the Fall Festival on Sunday, October 11th.

Councilman Gabel noted that he attended the Morris Hill Regional School Board meeting and the Superintendent stated that they have had a good start to the school year. Mr. Gabel reported that the Mayor’s Council for People with Challenges will attend the October 20th Council meeting, along with several Girl Scouts from Troop #512, for a presentation by Jeff Dickerson of Foodtown.

Councilman Kuser reported that he attended two (2) site tours with the Morris County Open Space Committee. He said that the tours included a total of seven (7) properties. Mr. Kuser noted that final presentations will be made on October 21st and October 22nd after which, recommendations will be sent to the Morris County Freeholder Board for consideration.
Councilman Kuser commented that the Green Fair was held on September 27th and was very well attended and a big success. President Golinski advised that there is an opening on the Environmental Commission if anyone is interested in volunteering. Mr. Golinski noted that the Recreation Committee will hold its meeting tomorrow evening. He reported that he attended the Annual Fire Department Inspection and Dinner and we certainly have a lot to be proud of with regard to our Fire Department. President Golinski thanked the Fire Chief and the entire Department for their tireless efforts to keep Denville residents safe.

Fire Chief Sharples and Captain Keating arrived at 7:38 p.m.

MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Andes also commented on the success of the Green Fair and noted that having it in conjunction with the Farmers Market was a wonderful idea. The Mayor reported that, along with the Fall Festival on Sunday, Knuth Farm will hold its Open House weekend on Saturday and Sunday. Mayor Andes announced that the new ambulance has arrived, which makes the First Aid Squad very happy. The Mayor advised that the DPW is preparing Veterans Field for the paving of the parking lot by the end of the month. He added that the DPW has put the finishing touches on the walking path around the pond at Muriel Hepner Park. Mayor Andes said it is a spectacular view and encouraged everyone to take a walk around the pond.

Councilwoman Smith arrived at 7:38 p.m.
Mayor Andes stated that he would like to thank Administrator Ward, Chief Sharples, Chief Wagner, Captain Nigro and DPW Director Egbert for all of the preparations for the hurricane that didn’t happen.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:
Administrator Ward, updating some personnel issues, noted that the vacancy in the Accounts Payable/Receivable Department, due to the promotion of Claudia Botto to the position of Utilities Collector, has been filled. He said that the new employee’s name is Susan Pfeil, a Cedar Lake resident. Mr. Ward gave a brief background account of Ms. Pfeil and advised that she will begin her employment on October 12th and added that she will be a great fit in the Finance Department. Administrator Ward noted that Gene Garabrant, after 25 years of service to Denville, is leaving to accept the position of Assistant Superintendent of DPW in Rockaway Township. He said that all best wishes are extended to Gene, along with the Township’s gratitude for his many years of dedicated service, in all kinds of weather and all hours of the day and night.

Administrator Ward advised that the budget process for 2016 has begun and department heads are required to have their requests in by the end of October. Mr. Ward noted that administrative budget hearings with the department heads will be held during the last two weeks of November. As a follow-up to Councilman Scollans’s liaison comments, Mr. Ward advised that the Township has contracted with V. Roach of Newton to process up to twelve (12) deer per year. He said that the company distributes the venison to food banks throughout the northern New Jersey area. Mr. Ward noted that V. Roach is one of the State-licensed distributors and Denville Social Services is one of the qualified receiving agencies.

CORRESPONDENCE: All copied and distributed to Council.

PUBLIC PORTION:
Denville Fire Chief Wesley Sharples thanked the Mayor, Administrator, CFO, Purchasing Agent and Council for supporting the Fire Department in their request for a new ambulance. He said
that he is happy to report that the Fire Department accepted delivery of the ambulance last night. Chief Sharples noted that Capt. Keating and his committee put together a speedy process by visiting the factory in June and keeping on top of it so that delivery could be made last night.

Captain Bill Keating, First Aid Squad, also expressed his thanks to all involved in the process of obtaining the ambulance. He said it was a speedy process because the old ambulance had been out of service for several months. Capt. Keating advised that all of the equipment is being installed and the drivers will be qualified, hopefully within less than two (2) weeks.

CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

MATTERS OF OLD AND/OR NEW BUSINESS:
Councilman Gabel reminded the Council members of a challenge that was given to them last year by Bonnie Rosenthal of the American Cancer Society. He said that the Council took part in a run/walk event. Mr. Gabel advised that he has followed up with Ms. Rosenthal and the “Denville Council Cruisers” team now has, on the American Cancer Society’s web page, its own web site. Any and all participants are encouraged to join and the date for the walk is June 4, 2016 at the County College of Morris. Mr. Gabel said that he will send the link to all Council members.

Councilman Gabel commented that the Mayor and Council members are often asked for information regarding available service projects. Mr. Gabel advised that he has put together a list of community service projects, Eagle projects and Gold Award projects, which he will be glad to share with the Council and Administration. He said that, in that way, there is a list to go to when a request is received from someone who wants to volunteer in some way.

Councilwoman Smith apologized for arriving late and asked President Golinski if she might give her liaison report at this time. Mrs. Smith reported that Steve Deblanica, the new Social Services Director, attended a senior citizen meeting, was introduced and welcomed by the seniors. She noted that the seniors held their annual election and George Stratton will be the new President in 2016. Mrs. Smith added that the other officers will remain the same and a list will be provided to the Municipal Clerk.

Councilwoman Smith advised that the next Senior Social will be held on October 18th and the theme will be Halloween. Mrs. Smith said that the seniors, at their general meeting, expressed their sincere appreciation for the Senior Picnic.

Councilman Scollans asked if the YouTube discussion is still on the agenda.
President Golinski replied that it is on the agenda however, next week’s workshop has been pre-empted by a request for a closed session regarding affordable housing. He recommended that, rather than waiting for the next workshop, the issue be placed on the October 20th agenda under Old and/or New Business.

Councilman Scollans thanked President Golinski. He noted that a very interesting series of articles is appearing in the Daily Record on the subject of New Jersey property taxes. Mr. Scollans commented on the responsibility of municipalities to be pro-active in finding ways to reduce property taxes.

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:
#24-15
BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:
An Ordinance of the Township of Denville, County of Morris and State of New Jersey to Mandate Direct Deposit for Municipal Employees Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14-15f et seq.

Be read by Title on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon:
Township Council
10-06-15

MOTION TO READ BY TITLE: MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER SMITH
AYES: GABEL, SMITH, KUSER, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, SCOLLANS, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

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

Discussion: Councilman Fitzpatrick asked for clarification with regard to a request for exemption from direct deposit.
Attorney Jansen replied that there is a provision in the legislation that allows a municipality to provide for exemptions, under certain circumstances. He said that he had asked Administration and Finance, when he was drafting this ordinance, if they wanted that provision included and they replied that they did not. Mr. Jansen advised that they wanted it to be the same for everyone. He added that, in an egregious situation, he is sure an accommodation could be made.
Councilman Fitzpatrick stated that he understands the cost-saving aspect but is not in favor of that type of mandate.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:
An Ordinance of the Township of Denville, County of Morris and State of New Jersey to Mandate Direct Deposit for Municipal Employees Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14-15f et seq.

Be passed on final Reading and that a Notice of Final Passage be Published in the 10-14-2015 issue of The Citizen newspaper.

MOTION TO ADOPT: MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER SMITH
AYES: GABEL, SMITH, KUSER, LYDEN, SCOLLANS, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
NAYS: FITZPATRICK

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:
BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:
An Ordinance to Amend Chapter XIV, Streets, Curbs and Sidewalks, of the General Ordinances of the Township of Denville, Regarding Sidewalks in the Downtown Business District on Diamond Spring Road

Be Introduced and Read by Title on First Reading:
MOTION TO INTRODUCE: MOVED BY MEMBER KUSER, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK
DISCUSSION:
None.
AYES: KUSER, FITZPATRICK, GABEL, SMITH, LYDEN, SCOLLANS, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:
An Ordinance to Amend Chapter XIV, Streets, Curbs and Sidewalks, of the General Ordinances of the Township of Denville, Regarding Sidewalks in the Downtown Business District on Diamond Spring Road
Be Passed on First Reading
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 11-10-2015 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 LYDEN, SECONDED BY MEMBER KUSER

AYES: LYDEN, KUSER, GABEL, SMITH, FITZPATRICK, SCOLLANS, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

2015 Best Practices

President Golinski noted that the Council members received a copy of this document which is comprised of fifty (50) questions. He said that Administration/Finance answered the questions with forty-two yes, three no and five N/A.

Administrator Ward explained the Best Practices procedure and noted that the amount of state aid a municipality receives is tied to the number of “yes” answers on the Best Practices form. He added that Denville has received 100% of its state aid since the Best Practices program went into effect in 2011, and will receive 100% again this year. Mr. Ward noted that about 50% of the questions change each year so one can never be sure what will be asked. The Administrator explained the three questions that were answered no and how the Township will address them.

Councilwoman Smith asked if Mr. Ward recalls how many questions were answered yes last year. Mr. Ward replied that he can check that but does not remember at this time.

President Golinski read the titles of the four (4) resolutions included on the Consent Agenda. He asked if anyone from the public or the Council wished to have anything removed from the Consent Agenda. No one responded.

CONSENT AGENDA:

R-15-212: Resolution Authorizing a Refund of a Building Permit Fee in the Amount of $68.00.

R-15-213: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Second Extension Developer’s Agreement.


MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK

AYES: SCOLLANS, FITZPATRICK, GABEL, KUSER, SMITH, LYDEN, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:

R-15-216: Resolution to Waive Fees for St. Francis Health Resort, Inc. (Site Plan Approval and an Associated Variance and Waiver)
MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-216: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: SCOLLANS, LYDEN, GABEL, SMITH, FITZPATRICK, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
ABSTAIN: KUSER

R-15-217: Resolution Refunding the Payment of Taxes Overpaid Due to Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey
MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-217: MOVED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: FITZPATRICK, LYDEN, GABEL, KUSER, SMITH, SCOLLANS, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

R-15-218: Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application and the Execution of a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Franklin Road & Franklin Avenue Resurfacing Project
MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-218: MOVED BY MEMBER KUSER, SECONDED BY MEMBER GABEL
AYES: KUSER, GABEL, SMITH, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, SCOLLANS, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

R-15-219: Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds in the Amount of $30,000 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to the Township’s General Trust Fund for Affordable Housing Related Administrative Costs
MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-219: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER SMITH
AYES: SCOLLANS, SMITH, GABEL, KUSER, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, SCOLLANS, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

R-15-220: Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for an Outdoor Mobile Stage
MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-220: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: SCOLLANS, LYDEN, GABEL, KUSER, SMITH, FITZPATRICK, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

R-15-221: Resolution Consenting to the Proposed Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan Amendment Entitled “Proposed Amendment to the Northeast Water Quality Management Plan for the Glenmont Commons Subdivision”
MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-221: MOVED BY MEMBER LYDEN, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK
Discussion: Attorney Jansen reviewed the history of the Glenmont Commons sewer connection. He noted that this resolution is an endorsement of a Water Quality Management Plan Amendment which is needed because there are some environmentally sensitive areas on the thirteen (13) acre parcel, none of which will be adversely effected by the three (3) acres that will be disturbed for the four (4) lot subdivision.
AYES: LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, GABEL, KUSER, SMITH, SCOLLANS, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

R-15-222: Resolution Authorizing Raffle License in the Township of Denville.
MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-222: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK
AYES: SCOLLANS, FITZPATRICK, KUSER, SMITH, LYDEN, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
ABSTAIN: GABEL
MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF 9-15-2015: MOVED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: FITZPATRICK, LYDEN, GABEL, KUSER, SCOLLANS
ABSTAIN: SMITH, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

MOTION TO ADJOURN: MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK
AYES: UNANIMOUS

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathleen A. Costello
Deputy Township Clerk