TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

December 3, 2019

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Council President Gabel. The Salute to the Flag was recited, followed by an Invocation by Councilman Borowiec. 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 Clerk 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 W. Andes, Mayor; Steven Ward, Administrator; John Jansen, Esq., Township Attorney

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL MATTERS:
100th Anniversary of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary
President Gabel advised that the proclamation has been reschedule to the December 17, 2019 meeting.

LIAISON REPORTS:
Councilman Murphy reported that the Holiday Open House and Small Business Saturday held this past weekend were very successful, though some lighting issues along the horse carriage ride route were encountered and will be addressed before next year’s event. He also mentioned that the BID received many compliments on the Center Street events and stated that they plan to do similar events in the future. He stated that the next scheduled event for the BID is Lunar New Year on February 9, 2020.
Councilman Buie reported that the Beautification Committee has logged 898 volunteer hours to date. He stated that the volunteers decorated the planters located downtown and planted spring bulbs. Mr. Buie stated that the Green Sustainability Committee had two speakers attend their last meeting to discuss how to cut back on plastic by using other alternatives.
Councilwoman Witte stated that the seniors are very happy with the newly elected officers and that the Rivers and Streams Committee is researching grant opportunities. She reported that the PRIDE dinner is tentatively schedule to be held at Zeris Inn in April 2020 and announced that the recipients of the Muriel Hepner Award for a group/organization will be the Ayres Knuth Farm Foundation and for an individual will be two people, Father Richard Tartaglia from St. Mary’s Church and Daniel Napolitano. She then stated that, because St. Mary’s School has closed, PRIDE will be giving the 8th grade award to a student from Valleyview School. She then announced that the New Horizons Band will be starting their holiday concert tour this Thursday and will be performing at Town Hall December 11th at 11:00 A.M.
Councilwoman Bergen had nothing to report.
Councilman Borowiec had nothing to report, but stated that the First Avenue Streetscape Improvements project looks fantastic.
President Gabel reported that the Municipal Council Reorganization meeting will be held on January 1st at 12:00 noon and the Denville Fire Department’s installation of officers will be held that same day at 3:00 P.M. He stated that the Denville Historical Society will be meeting next week.

MAYOR’S REPORT:
Mayor Andes announced that the street lights for the First Avenue Streetscape Improvements project are in route from the manufacturer in California to the project’s electrician, where they will be assembled before being placed on the street. He announced that the Morris County Committee for Paths and Trails has recommended to the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the Township receive a grant for
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$95,856 for the construction of Phase I of Trail 6 (Openaki Bridge halfway to the Denbrook Park). He reiterated that the Holiday Open House was a great success, as was the Rotary Tree lighting that was held on Saturday. He stated that Wreaths Across America will be held on Saturday, December 14th at Gardner Field and that the senior luncheon will be on Thursday.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:
Administrator Ward advised that the Township will be receiving $159,000 from the Morris County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund to purchase the property located at Mary Ave and Diamond Spring Road (AMCHU property) for open space. He stated that the local contribution towards this purchase is still being negotiated. He then announced that the NJDOT has awarded $115,000 to the Township for the resurfacing of Phase V of the Franklin Road resurfacing project, which is the portion of the roadway from the triangle to the trestle. Mr. Ward complimented the DPW for their hard work these past few days due to the 2-day winter storm. He then addressed the cancellation of the holiday parade, stating that it was the right decision.

Councilwoman Witte suggested that a ribbon be awarded to Michael Scannelli for his hard work and virtual “non-parade” parade video which he posted on Facebook. The Mayor and Council agreed that would be a good idea.

Councilman Murphy stated that at the NJLM Conference, Mayor Andes, Steve Ward and John Ruschke met with NJDEP representatives to discuss a potential park and ride. He stated that NJDEP suggested that they next meet with NJDOT.

CORRESPONDENCE:
All correspondence has been copied and distributed to Council.

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION
No one wished to be heard.

CLOSED PUBLIC PORTION

MATTERS OF OLD AND/OR NEW BUSINESS:
None

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:
None

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:
None

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:
None

CONSENT AGENDA:
R-19-216: Resolution Granting Permission to Advertise and Accept Bids for Denville Fire Department Locking System at the Main Street, Valley View And Union Hill Firehouses
R-19-217: Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application for the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for Fiscal Years 2021-2025 Running July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2025 and Authorizing the Submission of A Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year 2021
R-19-218: Resolution of the Township of Denville, Morris County Authorizing the Execution of a Release of Lien for 12 Cliffside Trail (Block 40808, Lot 4346)
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R-19-219: Resolution Authorizing the Township of Denville to Enter Into a “Renewal” Cooperative Pricing Agreement with U.S Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, Hereinafter Referred to as the “Lead Agency” For the Conduct of Certain Functions Relating to the Purchase of Work, Materials and Supplies for Their Respective Jurisdictions

R-19-220: Resolution Reestablishing the Township of Denville Municipal Alliance Committee for the Year 2020

R-19-221: Resolution Authorizing Refund of a Building Permit

R-19-222: Resolution Authorizing the Township of Denville to Cancel 2019 Utilities on a Certain Property Acquired by The Township

R-19-223: Resolution Authorizing Reinstatement of the Original Sewer Assessment Installment Plan For Certain Properties in the Township of Denville

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 CONSENT AGENDA:

MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER BUIE

AYES: WITTE, BUIE, MURPHY, BERGEN, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: LYDEN

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

R-19-224: Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Money Due to the Redemption of Tax Sale Certificates

MOTION TO APPROVE R-19-224:

MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER MURPHY

AYES: WITTE, MURPHY, BUIE, BERGEN, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: LYDEN

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION:

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MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER BUIE

AYES: WITTE, BUIE, MURPHY, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: BERGEN
ABSENT: LYDEN

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER BUIE

AYES: UNANIMOUS

The Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Kathryn Bowditch-Leon, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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