TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

December 4, 2018

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 Mayor Andes and a Moment of Silence in remembrance of the passing of George Johnson from Flowers by Candlelight, Former President George H.W. Bush and Lorrie Garabrant, Municipal Court Administrator. 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, Witte, Bergen, Lyden, Borowiec, President Gabel
Absent: Buie

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE
Thomas Andes, Mayor; Steven Ward, Administrator; John Jansen, Township Attorney

PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL MATTERS
NONE

LIAISON REPORTS
Councilman Murphy reported the BID’s Holiday Open House and Small Business Saturday were successful. He stated that Traffic Dynamics will be presenting the initial results of their downtown parking study to the BID’s Executive Committee tomorrow and that the BID’s December meeting has been cancelled. Mr. Murphy then reported that members of the Green Sustainability Committee distributed bags and other recycling information at the Holiday Open House and that their final meeting of the year will be held on December 6th.

Councilwoman Witte reported that the Rockaway River Watershed Committee is finalizing their year-end report as well as researching grant opportunities and that they have hired a part-time employee to maintain their website. She announced that the Senior Citizens holiday lunch was well attended and that P.R.I.D.E. is currently seeking nominations for their volunteer of the year and volunteer group of the year awards.

Councilman Bergen reported that the Mayor’s Council for People with Challenges decorated the trees in downtown Denville last week. He stated that there is a Planning Board meeting scheduled for next week.

Councilwoman Lyden had nothing to report.

Councilman Borowiec reported that Laura Wagner from “Vamp Up Vets Field” spoke with Mayor Andes about their goals and concerns and noted that the fall sports are now finished. Mr. Borowiec advised that Denville TV is now on Altice Channel 21 at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesdays and that this Wednesday will feature the holiday parade. He then thanked Administrator Ward and the DPW for their assistance in weather-related icing issues on Smith Road and Mt. Pleasant Tpk.

President Gabel reported that the Historical Society has been cleaning out the Openaki Road Schoolhouse and that the Fire Department will be chauffeuring Santa around to visit everyone later in the month.

MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Andes announced that, even with this year’s much higher than normal amount of rainfall, there have been no flooding issues. He professed his sincere thanks to all those on the Rivers & Streams Committee over the past years who have worked to keep the rivers and streams clean and flowing freely.
He stated that the 2019 Capital Budget will include a request to purchase flap valves for a couple of drainpipes that lead to the Rockaway River. Mayor Andes stated that he met with Laura Wagner about the “Vamp Up Vets Field” and that there will be further discussions during the 2019 budget process. He then reported that all the holiday activities held during Thanksgiving weekend were very successful and made note of the new sled at Santa Land. Mayor Andes reminded everyone that the Senior Social will be held this Sunday and Wreaths Across America will be laying wreaths at the graves of veterans at 12:00 P.M. on December 15th. He then announced that the First Avenue Streetscape bids will be opened on Thursday, December 6th and that the pedestrian bridge a Muriel Hepner Park is now on site.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
Administrator Ward reported that a part-time Parking Enforcement Officer was hired and is now working. He then announced that the Holiday Luncheon will be held on December 18th, beginning at 12:00 P.M. with the Employee Years of Service Recognition ceremony beginning at 12:45 P.M.

Mr. Ward reported that he met last week with Jauhara Pressey, NJ Transit Regional Community Relations Manager, whose goal is to build better relationships between NJ Transit and the communities. He stated that he gave her a tour of Denville, during which she was advised of various issues. Mr. Ward then advised the Council that Administration will be meeting with NJ DOT sometime during the week of January 7th to further discuss their Order for the closing of the Lackawanna Avenue railroad crossing.

Mr. Ward stated that on December 12th, he and the Township Engineer will be meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers to get an update on the flood mitigation study and advised that the Historical Society has already filled two 10-yard dumpsters while cleaning out the Openaki Road Schoolhouse. He then spoke of the funeral arrangements for Lorrie Garabrant.

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 PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPTION
NONE

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION
NONE

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION
NONE

CONSENT AGENDA
R-18-226: Resolution Authorizing a Raffle License in the Township of Denville
R-18-227: Resolution Authorizing a Refund of a Building Permit Fee
R-18-228: Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to Shared Services Agreement for Class Three Officers with the Denville Township Board of Education
R-18-229: Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to Shared Services Agreement for Class Three Officers with Morris Catholic High School
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R-18-230: Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to Shared Services Agreement for Class Three Officers with Celebrate the Children

R-18-231: Resolution Authorizing Reinstatement of the Original Sewer Assessment Installment Plan for Certain Properties in the Township of Denville

R-18-232: Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to Historic Preservation Easement for the Ayres-Knuth Farm House

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, LYDEN, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BUIE

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

R-18-233: Resolution Refunding the Overpayment of 2018 Taxes
MOTION TO APPROVE R-18-233:
MOVED BY MEMBER BERGEN, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: BERGEN, LYDEN, MURPHY, WITTE, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BUIE

R-18-234: Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Money Due to the Redemption of Tax Sale Certificates
MOTION TO APPROVE R-18-234:
MOVED BY MEMBER BERGEN, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: BERGEN, LYDEN, MURPHY, WITTE, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BUIE

R-18-235: Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Furnishing of Denville Fire Department Breathing Air System
MOTION TO APPROVE R-18-235:
MOVED BY MEMBER BERGEN, SECONDED BY MEMBER WITTE
AYES: BERGEN, WITTE, MURPHY, LYDEN, BOROWIEC, PRESIDENT GABEL
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BUIE

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION:
NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN:
MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: UNANIMOUS

The Meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Kathryn Bowditch-Leon, RMC
Municipal Clerk