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Councilwoman Witte had nothing to report and also thanked Councilmen Fitzpatrick, Golinski and Kuser.

Councilman Kuser had nothing to report.

President Golinski had nothing to report.

2017 Holiday Parade Awards

Councilwoman Witte announced the winners of the 2017 Holiday Parade and presented each organization with a ribbon. The winners were as follows:

- Best Use of Theme Float: Denville Beautification Committee
- Most Creative Float: Celebrate the Children
- Best Overall Float (tie): St. Mary’s Church and King of Kings Lutheran Church
- Best Overall Non-Float: Denville Girl Scouts

LIAISON REPORTS

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Councilwoman Witte had nothing to report and also thanked Councilmen Fitzpatrick, Golinski and Kuser.

Councilman Kuser had nothing to report.

President Golinski had nothing to report.
MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Andes thanked all the “Santas” who made the Santa calls last night. He stated that Social Services had a very successful Toy Drive this year. He then announced that this evening’s Menorah Lighting was very special as there was a large crowd. He explained that Administration is currently working with the Rabbi and Jewish community to secure a prominent location for the Menorah on private property next year. Mayor Andes then wished everyone a happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Administrator Ward reported that the renovations to Town Hall to include the Denville Board of Education offices is still on schedule to start on January 2, 2018. He explained that they will be having weekly meetings to discuss any issues that may arise during construction.
Mr. Ward then announced that Department of Public Works employees Eric Gore and Nick Petrillo were promoted to Equipment Operator positions.

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

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION
Quinton Fitzpatrick (23 Snyder Avenue) thanked the Veterans and Councilman Kuser and Councilman Golinski for their service, then thoughtfully added his thanks to Councilman Fitzpatrick for his service.

CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION
21-17
BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:

An Ordinance Establishing a Minimum and Maximum Range of Salary for Those Employees Who are Members of the Denville Township Employees’ Association

Be Read by Title on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon:

MOTION TO READ BY TITLE:
MOVED BY MEMBER MURPHY, SECONDED BY MEMBER WITTE
AYES: MURPHY, WITTE, GABEL, KUSER, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
NAYS: NONE

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:

An Ordinance Establishing a Minimum and Maximum Range of Salary for Those Employees Who are Members of the Denville Township Employees’ Association

Be passed on Final Reading and that a Notice of Final Passage be published in the 1/4/2018 edition of The Citizen newspaper.

MOTION TO ADOPT:
MOVED BY MEMBER LYDEN, SECONDED BY MEMBER WITTE
AYES: LYDEN, WITTE, GABEL, KUSER, FITZPATRICK, MURPHY, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
NAYS: NONE
An Ordinance of the Township of Denville, County of Morris and State of New Jersey Adopting Regulations for the Planting, Growing and/or Cultivating of Bamboo

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:

An Ordinance of the Township of Denville, County of Morris and State of New Jersey Naming the Outside Plaza at Town Hall the “Jack O’Keeffe Plaza”

Be Read by Title on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon:

MOTION TO READ BY TITLE:

MOVED BY MEMBER LYDEN, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK
AYES: LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, GABEL, WITTE, KUSER, MURPHY, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
NAYS: NONE

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

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Be passed on Final Reading and that a Notice of Final Passage be published in the 1/4/2018 edition of The Citizen newspaper.

MOTION TO ADOPT:

MOVED BY MEMBER KUSER, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: KUSER, LYDEN, GABEL, WITTE, FITZPATRICK, MURPHY, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
NAYS: NONE

23-17
BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:

An Ordinance of the Township of Denville, County of Morris and State of New Jersey Adopting Regulations for the Planting, Growing and/or Cultivating of Bamboo

Be Read by Title on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon:

MOTION TO READ BY TITLE:

MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER WITTE
AYES: GABEL, WITTE, KUSER, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, MURPHY, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
NAYS: NONE

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

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MOTION TO ADOPT:

MOVED BY MEMBER MURPHY, SECONDED BY MEMBER GABEL
AYES: MURPHY, GABEL, WITTE, KUSER, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
NAYS: NONE

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION
None

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION
None

CONSENT AGENDA

R-17-264: Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Funds for the 2017 United States Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant
R-17-265: Resolution Refunding the Payment of Taxes Overpaid Due to Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey
R-17-266: Resolution Refunding the Overpayment of 2017 Taxes

President Golinski asked if anyone from the public or from the Council would like to have any of these resolutions removed from the Consent Agenda. No one responded.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER MURPHY
AYES: GABEL, MURPHY, FITZPATRICK, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
NAYS: NONE

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

R-17-267: Resolution Authorizing Tax Refunds and the Cancellation of Tax Delinquencies Under Ten Dollars ($10.00)
MOTION TO APPROVE R-17-267:

MOVED BY MEMBER KUSER, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK
AYES: KUSER, FITZPATRICK, GABEL, WITTE, LYDEN, MURPHY, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
NAYS: NONE

R-17-268: Resolution to Cancel 2017 Taxes for Certain Township Owned Properties
MOTION TO APPROVE R-17-268:

MOVED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: FITZPATRICK, LYDEN, GABEL, WITTE, KUSER, MURPHY, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
NAYS: NONE

R-17-269: Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement Between the Township of Denville and the County of Morris
MOTION TO APPROVE R-17-269:

MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: GABEL, LYDEN, WITTE, KUSER, FITZPATRICK, MURPHY, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
NAYS: NONE

R-17-270: Resolution Approving 2017 Executive Session Minutes
MOTION TO APPROVE R-17-270:

MOVED BY MEMBER MURPHY, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK
AYES: MURPHY, FITZPATRICK, GABEL, WITTE, KUSER, LYDEN (for those meetings at which she was present), PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

NAYS: NONE

R-17-271: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Township of Denville and the Denville Township Supervisory Employees’ Association

MOTION TO APPROVE R-17-271:

MOVED BY MEMBER KUSER, SECONDED BY MEMBER GABEL

AYES: KUSER, GABEL, WITTE, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, MURPHY, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

NAYS: NONE


MOTION TO APPROVE R-17-272:

MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER MURPHY

AYES: WITTE, MURPHY, GABEL, KUSER, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

NAYS: NONE

R-17-273: Resolution Establishing 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 Salaries for Regular Part-Time/Non-Seasonal Employees of the Township of Denville Not Governed by Collective Bargaining Agreements

MOTION TO APPROVE R-17-273:

MOVED BY MEMBER KUSER, SECONDED BY MEMBER MURPHY

AYES: KUSER, MURPHY, GABEL, WITTE, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

NAYS: NONE

R-17-274: Resolution Authorizing the Signing and Execution of the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Township of Denville and the Denville Township Employees’ Association

MOTION TO APPROVE R-17-274:

MOVED BY MEMBER KUSER, SECONDED BY MEMBER GABEL

AYES: MURPHY, GABEL, WITTE, KUSER, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

NAYS: NONE

R-17-275: Resolution Opposing the Permanent Closing of the Lackawanna Avenue Railroad Crossing as Proposed by NJ Transit and Currently Under Administrative Review by the NJ Department of Transportation

MOTION TO APPROVE R-17-275:

MOVED BY MEMBER MURPHY, SECONDED BY MEMBER KUSER

AYES: MURPHY, KUSER, GABEL, WITTE, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

NAYS: NONE

R-17-276: Resolution of the Township of Denville, County of Morris and State of New Jersey Confirming the Sale of Various Items of Municipal Property No Longer Needed for Public Use

MOTION TO APPROVE R-17-276:

MOVED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN

AYES: FITZPATRICK, LYDEN, GABEL, WITTE, KUSER, MURPHY, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

NAYS: NONE

R-17-277: Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Calendar Year 2017 Budget Appropriations

MOTION TO APPROVE R-17-277:

MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER MURPHY
MATTERTS OF OLD AND/OR NEW BUSINESS
Councilman Gabel asked about the bid for the Muriel Hepner Park Bridge and why the water had been lowered. Administrator Ward explained that the water was lowered so that the bidders on the bridge project would be able to view the area where the bridge will be placed. He then explained that bids were opened on December 14, 2017 and the lowest bid came in higher than budgeted. He further explained that the Township will be meeting with the Gordian Group, as part of the Middlesex County Co-Op, for a price quote on this project.

Councilman Kuser thanked his fellow Council Members and all the great employees, professionals and volunteers with whom he has worked for the past 8 years. He stated that it is his belief that everyone worked hard and worked together to make this community the best it could be.

Councilman Fitzpatrick also thanked everyone for the accomplishments of the community, highlighting property maintenance, Downtown Business Improvement District, flood mitigation and fiscally sound budgets. He then thanked his wife, Wendy, and his sons for allowing him to serve the Township. He stated that it is his belief that Denville is a great community and provides a good foundation for raising his children.

Council President Golinski thanked his wife, Darlene, and agreed that a lot has been accomplished these past 8 years. He stated that they have worked to make Denville a better place, bringing people together for good causes. He thanked Administrator Ward and the employees of the Township for all their hard work.

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION
December 12, 2017
MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER WITTE
AYES: GABEL, WITTE, KUSER, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, MURPHY, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
NAYS: NONE

Mayor Andes thanked Councilman Fitzpatrick, Councilman Golinski and Councilman Kuser for all they have done for the community. He stated that he is glad that even though they are leaving as Council Members, they will still remain as active volunteers in the community.

Mayor Andes then presented Councilmen Fitzpatrick, Golinski and Kuser with a joint resolution of the New Jersey State Senate and Assembly congratulating them on their retirement from public life. Mayor Andes then individually presented each of them with a plaque expressing the appreciation of the Council and the Township.

Administrator Ward also thanked Councilman Kuser, Councilman Fitzpatrick and Councilman Golinski for their service and then presented each with a street sign bearing their name.

MOTION TO ADJOURN
MOVED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK, SECONDED BY MEMBER KUSER
AYES: UNANIMOUS
NAYS: NONE

The Meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.
Throughout the history of the United States there has always been men and women willing to step up when called upon to serve, defend and protect our country. The Township would like to personally thank each and every Active member of the Military and all of the Veterans from Denville for their service to our country.

Some volunteered, some were called to duty. They were all called to be part of something bigger than themselves. They rose to the nation’s call because they wanted to protect a nation which has given them, given us, so much.

We would like to say thank you to our local heroes, remember their achievements, their courage, their dedication, and say thank you for your service to our country by presenting to each of them a small token of our appreciation the Denville Challenge Coin

Tonight we are honoring 5 Gentlemen all serving in the United States Army
THE TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK OUR VETS

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 12/19/17

Brian Bergen
54 Shawger Road
Army 1997-2008
Foreign Service Iraq 2005 (entire year)

Errol Ernstrom
5 Wilson Avenue
Army August 1968 – July 1970
Foreign Service South Korea July 1969-July 1970

John Rocco Marra
15 Hillview Terrace
Army 1951-1953
Foreign Service Korea 1952-1953

Stanley W. Tomensky
35 Lenape Trail
Army August 4, 1953-August 5, 1956
Foreign Service Korea February 1954-August 1955

Charles E. Weldon Jr.
40 Lenape Island
Army April 1954- March 1956
Foreign Service Germany September 1954-March 1956