TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2016

The Meeting was called to order by President Golinski at 7:30 p.m. The Salute to the Flag was recited, followed by the reading of the Statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act by Deputy Clerk Kathy Costello. The Deputy Clerk advised that this is a non-smoking facility and asked that all cell phones be silenced at this time.

ROLL CALL:
Present: Gabel, Witte, Kuser, Lyden, Fitzpatrick, Murphy, President Golinski
Absent: None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Steven Ward, Administrator; Paula DeBona, Assistant Township Attorney and Edward Buzak, Planning Board Attorney

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

Interview Candidates for Zoning Board of Adjustment Vacancies
President Golinski advised that two (2) candidates have volunteered to fill the vacancies. He said that, from their resumes, both candidates have proven to be very dedicated and active community servants to our Township.

President Golinski posed the following questions to each candidate:
   Do you wish to make a brief statement explaining the reasons you are applying for this position:
   1. Why do you feel you are the best candidate for this position?
   2. What do you see as your role as a member of the Board of Adjustment?
   3. What special qualifications and skills would you bring to this position?
   4a. Do you understand that the Board of Adjustment meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month and that your attendance is necessary to insure a full complement for voting purposes?
   4b. Are you also aware that as part of your duties, you will be expected to do site inspections of the matters before the Board and will be required to attend land use oriented classes?
   5. Can you meet all of these requirements?
   Is there anything else you would like to add?

Mr. Daniel Roman was the first candidate to be interviewed, Mr. Daniel Napolitano waited outside of the Council chambers.

President Golinski asked Mr. Roman if he would like to make an opening statement. Mr. Roman gave a brief account of his previous volunteer work with the Boy Scouts and as a RACES member. He said that this position appears to be a good opportunity to give back to the community. Mr. Roman gave a brief history of his educational and employment background and the qualifications and skills that he feels he would bring to this position. He said that, as an engineer, he is analytical and non-emotional when making decisions.

President Golinski asked if Mr. Roman can meet all of the requirements of this position and Mr. Roman replied in the affirmative.
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Councilman Murphy asked two questions which Mr. Roman answered to his satisfaction. Councilman Gabel asked if Mr. Roman has any special skills to bring to the Board of Adjustment. Mr. Roman replied that he is a volunteer trail maintainer and has helped with river cleanups so he knows his way around town and is aware of the flood problems, having volunteered during the hurricanes.

Councilwoman Lyden invited Mr. Roman to join the Paths and Trails Committee.

President Golinski commented on Mr. Roman’s impressive history of service and said the Township is glad to have him. He asked Mr. Roman to step out and send Mr. Napolitano in for his interview.

President Golinski asked Mr. Napolitano if he wished to make a brief opening statement. Mr. Napolitano spoke of his background experience doing similar things in the Army, and his technical expertise as a mechanical engineer. He said that his main motivation for applying is to contribute to the Township where he has lived for his whole life.

President Golinski then posed the same questions to Mr. Napolitano that he asked Mr. Roman.

Mr. Napolitano answered as follows:
1. His technical expertise, education and experiences in the Army.
2. He has done a lot of research regarding the workings of the Board and feels that he understands the goals of the Board of Adjustment as it relates to the Township and its residents.
3. His experience in similar situations and leadership skills.
4. Yes
5. He draws a lot of his expertise and experience from the many groups that he participates in and would like to use it to benefit the greater good of Denville as a community.

Councilman Murphy asked the same two questions that he posed to Mr. Roman and Mr. Napolitano also answered them to Mr. Murphy’s satisfaction.

Councilman Gabel also asked the same question that he posed to Mr. Roman and Mr. Napolitano also responded satisfactorily.

President Golinski asked that Mr. Roman be invited back into the Council Chambers. President Golinski asked Councilman Kuser, the Liaison to the Board of Adjustment, to make a motion to approve R-14-16, Resolution Appointing Board of Adjustment Members for the Township of Denville. Councilman Kuser commented that the two candidates are fantastic, they are well-qualified and understand the position that they are volunteering to fill. Mr. Kuser made the following motion:

MOTION TO APPOINT DANIEL NAPOLITANO TO THE POSITION OF REGULAR MEMBER TO A TERM EXPIRING 12/31/17 AND TO APPOINT DANIEL ROMAN TO THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE #1, TERM EXPIRING 12/31/17:

President Golinski asked if there were any other motions. No one responded.

MOTION TO APPROVE R-16-14: Moved by Member Kuser, Seconded by Member Murphy.

AYES: Kuser, Murphy, Gabel, Witte, Lyden, Fitzpatrick, President Golinski

President Golinski called both gentlemen forward and the Oath of Office was administered individually to Mr. Napolitano and Mr. Roman by Deputy Clerk Kathy Costello. Mr. Napolitano’s fiancée held the Bible as he took his Oath.

President Golinski thanked the new Board of Adjustment members for volunteering their time and energy to work on the Board of Adjustment.
R-16-15 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation in the Matter of Application for the Township of Denville for Declaratory Judgment Relating to Affordable Housing

MOTION TO APPROVE R-16-15: Moved by Member Witte, Seconded by Member Fitzpatrick
AYES: Witte, Fitzpatrick, Gabel, Kuser, Murphy, Lyden, President Golinski

Council went into Executive Session at 7:58 p.m.
Council came out of Executive Session at 9:21 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Moved by Member Witte, Seconded by Member Kuser.
AYES: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathleen A. Costello
Deputy Municipal Clerk