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 Councilwoman Lyden. 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 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: Thomas Andes, Mayor; Stephen Ward, Administrator; CFO Michael Guarino and Township Attorney John Jansen

LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Murphy reported that he attended the Morris Hills Regional School Board meeting. He noted that they passed twenty-seven (27) motions regarding finance, curriculum, community relations, personnel and policies. Mr. Murphy advised that the spring sports schedules and the summer reading list were also addressed.

Councilman Murphy reported that the Green Sustainability Committee has submitted a grant for trash cans and it expects to hear whether or not they are awarded the grant by March 21st. He said that the Green Fair will be held sometime in September or October. Mr. Murphy advised that the Committee is trying to coordinate with other groups in order to avoid any conflicts. He noted that a tree planting is being planned for April 29th, most likely at Lakeview School.

Councilman Fitzpatrick advised that the Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly breakfast tomorrow morning at St. Francis Health Resort at 7:45 a.m. He said that the speaker will be Robin Crane, a money and relationship coach. Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that the Chamber and the PRIDE Council will have their annual dinner on April 1st. He added that the Morris County St. Patrick’s Day Parade will be held next Saturday, March 12th. Councilman Fitzpatrick commented that a few Council members will be marching and anyone else who wishes to march will be welcome. He said they will line up at the old Courthouse at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Councilwoman Lyden reported that Denville TV held their meeting and there are new programs underway. She added that they may be viewed every Thursday evening at 8:30 p.m. on Channel 21. Mrs. Lyden noted that the programs focus on the history of Denville and well known residents of the past and present. She commented that future programs will feature Indian Lake and other lakes in the community. Councilwoman Lyden advised that the Paths and Trails Committee met and they plan to start the first set of paths in April or May and they are looking for volunteers to help.

Councilman Gabel reported that he attended his first Environmental Commission meeting and gained a fuller understanding of what they do and how they contribute to the research prior to the Planning Board considering any resolutions. Mr. Gabel noted that Bonnie Rosenthal will receive a proclamation from the Mayor later tonight with regard to her work on the Relay for Life. Mr. Gabel advised that five members of the Council have signed up to join the “Council Cruisers” in the walk to be held on June 4th and 5th. Councilman Gabel commented that there is a plan to have some of the local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts help with the set up and break down of the Farmers Market during the spring and summer
months. He said it will be a help to the Market and will give the boys an opportunity to do some community service.  

Councilwoman Witte reported that the Denville Board of Education met and presented their preliminary budget which is due on March 26th. She said that the final budget is due in April. Ms. Witte advised that the Board is working with Chief Wagner, the Randolph Police Department and the County College of Morris on a Reunification Plan in case of a major emergency. She added that once a memorandum of understanding is signed and a few other details are worked out, the Board is hoping to start holding some practice drills. Ms. Witte noted that the Board is looking into special cameras for the school buses to catch people who are not stopping when the buses stop to pick up or discharge students.

Councilman Kuser reported that there will be another vacancy on the Board of Adjustment since Roger Spiess has tendered his resignation. Mr. Kuser noted that the Council has received the Annual Report from the Zoning Board. He said that he has asked the Council President to put it on the agenda for a future workshop meeting so the Council can discuss some of their recommendations.  

Mr. Kuser advised that the Historical Society will hold a meeting at the old schoolhouse on Openaki Road on March 12th and there will be a tour of the building. President Golinski reported that he attended the Recreation Committee meeting last week and the playground design was reviewed.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**
Mayor Andes noted that the Vo-Tech School playground agreement is on the agenda tonight and asked the Council to act favorably on R-16-79 which approves that agreement. Mayor Andes passed out a draft of a tri-fold parking map, in color, which will be distributed to the business community to provide to their patrons when it is finalized. He said that it is hoped that it will be ready to go to the printer next week.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**
Administrator Ward reported that he and the Mayor met this afternoon with representatives of the Police Department and the Health Department. He said that, with the Council President’s permission, they would like to have a discussion of the licensing of massage establishments in Denville placed on the agenda of next week’s workshop meeting.  

Mr. Ward commented on the Denville Board of Education’s preliminary budget, noting that it contains a slight tax decrease for the average property owner in Denville. He said that the Morris Hills Regional District has indicated that they have an almost corresponding increase in their budget which they will be presenting next Monday. Mr. Ward added that this evening the Council will hopefully introduce the Municipal Budget for 2016 and set a date for the public hearing. He noted that the budget contains a slight decrease for the average property owner.

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

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

**CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.**

**MATTERS OF OLD AND/OR NEW BUSINESS:**
R-16-75   Introduction of the Township of Denville 2016 Municipal Budget
Administrator Ward commented that Administration is pleased with the work that has been done in conjunction with the Township Council and, as previously noted, the budget shows a slight tax decrease for the average assessed property. He said that the budget is crafted in such a manner that it should
provide for multi year tax stability. Mr. Ward noted that it provides for more aggressive payment of our 
debt service and applies more cash towards capital projects such as road resurfacing and larger DPW 
equipment. President Golinski expressed his gratitude to Mr. Ward, CFO Guarino and the Mayor for the clear and 
concise way that the budget was presented to the Council.

MOTION TO APPROVE R-16-75:

MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN

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

Attorney Jansen noted for the record that the budget will be printed in The Citizen on March 9th and the 
public hearing will be held on April 5th.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

#3-16

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:

An Ordinance of the Township of Denville, County of Morris, State of New Jersey to Amend Chapter II, 
Administration, Regarding the Division of Health

Be Introduced and Read by Title on First Reading:

MOTION TO INTRODUCE:

MOVED BY MEMBER LYDEN, SECONDED BY MEMBER GABEL

Discussion: None

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:

An Ordinance of the Township of Denville, County of Morris, State of New Jersey to Amend Chapter II, 
Administration, Regarding the Division of Health

Be Passed on First Reading

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said ordinance shall be considered for final passage at a meeting of the 
Municipal Council of the Township of Denville on April 5, 2016 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 GABEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

Councilman Kuser asked how the revaluation will affect the Morris Hills Regional District cost allocation. 
Administrator Ward replied that the revaluation itself should have a neutral impact on our contribution. 
He said that Denville is often penalized by the regional district’s State formula and the rankings of the 
municipalities.

Mr. Ward noted that last year our enrollment in the regional district decreased while two of the other 
member municipalities’ enrollment increased, yet our assessment increased and theirs decreased.
Township Attorney Jansen noted that the statutory process for changing the cost allocation formula is very specific. He said that it would require a referendum and the legislature has erected a high bar for achieving alteration of the formula.

Councilman Murphy commented that it was brought to his attention last year that some of the local businesses do not have enough space in their stores to hold large sales. He said that they have to book outside space in order to hold such sales. Mr. Murphy suggested that perhaps Planner Kasler could review the possibility of allowing retail sales in the industrial zone. He asked if this could also be discussed at the same workshop that the Council discusses the Annual Report of the Zoning Board. Mayor Andes said that he will be meeting with Mr. Kasler tomorrow and discuss it with him.

Councilman Murphy brought up an issue with regard to the trash cans in the center of town being used for people’s household waste, as well as an issue with the cans being emptied and cleaned up. Mayor Andes replied that he is aware of the problem and will address it.

Councilman Fitzpatrick addressed the flood line sign located in Denville Park Meadow. He said that some residents have expressed concern that the sign may affect their ability to sell their homes. Mr. Fitzpatrick acknowledged that the sign actually garners points for the Township with the CRS program. Mayor Andes interjected that he will have the sign moved closer to the edge of the river. Mr. Ward noted that the wording on the sign was provided by the CRS program and the purpose of the sign is public education.

CONSENT AGENDA:

R-16-76: Resolution Authorizing Reinstatement of the Original Sewer Assessment Installment Plan for Certain Properties in the Township of Denville
R-16-77: Resolution Authorizing Raffle Licenses in the Township of Denville
R-16-78: Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Money Due to the Redemption of a Tax Sale Certificate
R-16-79: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the Morris County Vocational School
R-16-80: Resolution Authorizing Issuance of a Social Affair Permit by the State of New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control

President Golinski asked if anyone from the Council or from the public wished to have anything removed from the Consent Agenda. No one responded.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA:

MOVED BY MEMBER WITTE, SECONDED BY MEMBER MURPHY
AYES: WITTE, MURPHY, GABEL, KUSER, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

R-16-81: Resolution Authorizing the Transfers of Calendar Year 2015 Budget Appropriations

MOTION TO APPROVE R-16-81:

MOVED BY MEMBER MURPHY, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: MURPHY, LYDEN, GABEL, WITTE, KUSER, FITZPATRICK, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI

R-16-82: Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Money Due to the Redemption of Tax Sale Certificates

MOTION TO APPROVE R-16-82:

MOVED BY MEMBER MURPHY, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK
AYES: MURPHY, FITZPATRICK, GABEL, WITTE, KUSER, LYDEN, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI
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MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF 2-16-16:  
MOVED BY MEMBER MURPHY, SECONDED BY MEMBR FITZPATRICK  
AYES: MURPHY, FITZPATRICK, GABEL, WITTE, KUSER, PRESIDENT GOLINSKI  
ABSTAIN: LYDEN

PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL MATTERS

PROCLAMATION  
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY – RELAY FOR LIFE
Bonnie Rosenthal, Relay for Life Central Morris County Chair

President Golinski welcomed the representatives of the American Cancer Society and yielded the floor to Mayor Andes.

Mayor Andes read the Proclamation, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. The Mayor asked Bonnie Rosenthal and her team to come forward. Ms. Rosenthal thanked the Denville Council Cruisers and the seven united communities who take part in the Relay for Life. Ms. Rosenthal explained the reason for the different colors of the shirts worn by her and her team members: purple for survivors; blue to remember those we have lost; red to fight back and white for anyone who raises $100. Ms. Rosenthal thanked the Mayor and Council for the Proclamation and for taking part in the Relay for Life. President Golinski thanked Ms. Rosenthal for her hard work and thanked Councilman Gabel for organizing the Denville Township Council Cruisers.

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

The Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathleen A. Costello  
Deputy Municipal Clerk