The Meeting was called to order by President Fitzpatrick at 7:30 p.m. The Salute to the Flag was recited, followed by an Invocation given by Councilman Gabel. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read by Township Clerk Donna Costello.

ROLL CALL: KUSER, GABEL, GOLINSKI, LYDEN, SCOLLANS, FITZPATRICK
ABSENT: SMITH

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: MAYOR ANDES, ADMINISTRATOR WARD AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY JANSEN

President Fitzpatrick stated that Councilwoman Smith called and advised him that she will be unable to attend this meeting due to the weather. He said that she would be available by phone, if needed.

President Fitzpatrick noted that there was to be a Ceremonial Matter this evening at which Thatcher McGhee’s Restaurant was going to present a $1,000 check to Denville’s Division of Social Services. He explained that the restaurant held a “Customer Appreciation Night” recently and requested a donation to Social Services. President Fitzpatrick said that they were not able to attend this evening, but the check was given to Social Services Director Deirdre Rock.

LIAISON REPORTS:
Councilman Scollans reported that the Senior Social was canceled and a new date is to be determined.
Mr. Scollans noted that the Rockaway River Watershed Committee is making progress. He said that George Strother sent them information regarding an Assembly Bill, sponsored by Scott Rumana. Mr. Scollans advised that the bill is A-4313 and it concerns river maintenance. He said that it is gathering support and he strongly recommends that this Council pass a resolution supporting the bill.
Councilman Scollans commented on a number of articles recently published in the Daily Record regarding the preservation of Greystone. He also commented on Senate Bill S-3112, sponsored by Senators Pennacchio and Bucco which would limit the sale of the property and maintain it as open space. Mr. Scollans added that the bill is also looking at alternatives to preserve the Kirkbride building. He suggested that, since part of the Greystone western campus crosses into Denville, the Council pass a resolution in support of S-3112.
Councilman Golinski reported that he attended last week’s Planning Board meeting and the revision of the Master Plan was reviewed. He said that he received mostly positive feedback from his constituents and the Planning Board voted to adopt the revisions that were proposed. Mr. Golinski noted that the revisions will prohibit motels in favor of hotels in designated zones.
Councilman Golinski complimented the crews from the DPW for their hard work at all hours to keep Denville’s streets clear.
Councilwoman Lyden reported that she attended the Library Board meeting and learned that six (6) new replacement computers have been purchased, four (4) for the staff and two (2) in the teen lounge. She advised that new library cards are being designed and will be ready for use in the beginning of the year. Mrs. Lyden noted that a Cookie Exchange is being held tomorrow evening for adults to bring three dozen of their favorite cookies and ten copies of the recipe.

Mrs. Lyden reported that the Beautification Committee is in the process of placing trees all over Denville and is busy making plans for next year. She added that the First Prize-winning float entered by the Beautification Committee in the Holiday Parade has been moved to Santa Land for all to see.

President Fitzpatrick noted that the Council would love to have the Beautification Committee make a presentation at a workshop next year. He suggested that the January 14th workshop is not a busy agenda and perhaps it would work for the Beautification Committee to come to that meeting.

President Fitzpatrick added that the Library Board has asked if the Council would be available on January 25, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. for their breakfast/budget meeting. He said that if it works for everyone it will be followed by a brief Council budget meeting here at the Municipal Building.

Councilman Kuser had no report.

Councilman Gabel reported that the Deer Management Committee met and reported that, to date, a total of fifty-one deer have been harvested. He said that the food pantry will be re-stocked after the holidays.

Councilman Gabel advised that the Mayor’s Committee for People with Challenges has a few holiday events planned. Mr. Gabel noted that the Community Development Committee is looking for ideas to submit for grants for next year. He said that the Administration may have a few ideas to share on that subject.

Councilman Gabel advised that he attended the Centennial Committee’s Recognition gathering and the Cook’s Pond Senior Citizens’ Holiday Party and had a great time. Mr. Gabel reported that the Board of Education has received word that they will be awarded a number of grants to help fund several capital improvement projects for next year.

President Fitzpatrick noted that the members of the Council have received an invitation from the Fire Department to attend the Installation Ceremony for the officers of the Volunteer Fire Department. He said that it will be held on January 1, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the Main Street Firehouse.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Andes advised that he will have a detailed State of the Municipality report at the Reorganization Meeting. He said that tonight he will just mention that on January 4, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. there will be a final Centennial program, the closing of the time capsule. Mayor Andes wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Administrator Ward reported that a construction progress meeting was held concerning the Valley View Firehouse reconstruction project last Tuesday. He said that the construction is nearly done and they hope to call for a CO inspection as early as the end of this week. Mr. Ward advised that, although he was not obligated to do so, the contractor used local vendors for such things as counter tops, locks and locking mechanisms.

Mr. Ward noted that the closing on the Valva property is scheduled for Thursday at 2:30 p.m. He said that there was a minor glitch that they hope to have resolved in order for the closing to proceed as scheduled and we will take ownership of that property for open space purposes.

Administrator Ward stated that, at the suggestion of the Health Officer, the food pantry will become a licensed and inspected facility. He said that the suggestion was made because of the fact that the pantry distributes such items as turkeys and venison. Mr. Ward noted that it will assure that the pantry meets all of the necessary sanitary and public health codes.

Administrator Ward extended an invitation to the Council to attend the Employee Recognition Luncheon tomorrow from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room in Town Hall.

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION:
Franz Fuertges, 109 Ford Rd., asked if an increase in the Beautification Committee’s budget would affect the property tax assessment.
Administrator Ward replied that there are too many variables involved to be able to answer that question. He explained that we will not know what our revenues are until the end of January when the Annual Financial Statement is in.
President Fitzpatrick stated that the Council will be discussing all financial matters during the budget meetings beginning in January.
Councilmen Golinski and Scollans suggested to Mr. Fuertges that the best ideas and options be presented to the Council at the Workshop presentation on January 14th and the Council will consider them during budget hearings.
Mr. Fuertges advised that the Beautification Committee has appointed one member to work on their budget for the entire year. He mentioned the float that was in the Holiday Parade and noted that it was built by volunteers with donated funds.
Councilman Scollans suggested that the Committee might run a plant sale to raise money.
CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

CORRESPONDENCE: All copied to Council.

MATTERS OF OLD AND/OR NEW BUSINESS:
Councilman Scollans proposed that the Council pass a resolution in support of Senate
Bill S-3112 regarding the preservation of Greystone and one in support of Assembly Bill A-4313 concerning river maintenance.
President Fitzpatrick replied that he is reviewing both bills. He said that we would have to consider what we should do with respect to resolutions concerning the bills.
Attorney Jansen commented that the first step would be for the entire Council to see the bills and determine if, in fact, they do support them and then see if there are any sample resolutions that have been adopted by other municipalities.
President Fitzpatrick said that he will distribute a copy of the bills to the rest of the Council and it can be decided what type of resolution would be crafted.
Councilman Gabel asked Administrator Ward for an update on the demolitions on Riverside Drive.
Administrator Ward replied that there are still three (3) properties that have to be demolished and the contractor has permits to demolish all three (3). He said that he and our engineer met with the contractor to try and pressure him into getting the remainder of demolitions completed. Mr. Ward noted that the contractor had injured himself doing one of the demos and that was why he was missing in action for a while. He said that the contractor indicated in that meeting that he was confident that he would have the remaining demos completed by the end of the year and would start with the cleanup of the debris. Mr. Ward advised that they urged the contractor to address the cleanup and removal of debris as soon as possible since they are an eyesore in the neighborhood. Administrator Ward added that the contractor has expressed a willingness to help with some rough grading for a parking area for the rain garden park that will be one of the big projects for 2014.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR ADOPTION:
#24-13
BE IT RESOLVED THAT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:
AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING SALARIES FOR REGULAR PART-TIME AND SEASONAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY NOT RECOGNIZED IN A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
BE READ BY TITLE ON SECOND READING AND A HEARING HELD THEREON:
MOTION TO READ BY TITLE: MOVED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: GOLINSKI, LYDEN, GABEL, KUSER, SCOLLANS, FITZPATRICK
ABSENT: SMITH

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:
AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING SALARIES FOR REGULAR PART-TIME AND
SEASONAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY NOT RECOGNIZED IN A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BE PASSED ON FINAL READING AND THAT A NOTICE OF FINAL PASSAGE BE PUBLISHED IN THE 12-25-13 ISSUE OF THE CITIZEN

MOTION TO ADOPT: MOVED BY MEMBER KUSER, SECONDED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI

AYES: KUSER, GOLINSKI, GABEL, LYDEN, SCOLLANS, FITZPATRICK

ABSENT: SMITH

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

R-13-256 RESOLUTION TO CANCEL TAXES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013 - $1,649.63

R-13-257 RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAXES DUE TO CHANGE IN QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION AS A PERMANENTLY DISABLED VETERAN

R-13-258 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RAFFLE LICENSE(S) IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE

R-13-259 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR BODY ARMOR REPLACEMENT

R-13-260 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF ANY PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENCY OF LESS THAN ($10.00) TEN DOLLARS.

R-13-261 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL ONE DAY ABC LIQUOR LICENSE

R-13-262 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: MOVED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI, SECONDED BY MEMBER KUSER

DISCUSSION: Councilman Golinski commented on R-13-257 which allows for tax exemption status for totally and permanently disabled veterans. He noted that it is another example of our community doing the right thing for those who have given so much for us. Mr. Golinski also commented on R-13-262 which appoints members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He advised that these people are volunteers who give many hours of their time to learn about the laws and zoning ordinances in order to make just decisions on applications for any variance that is applied for by a resident. Councilman Scollans added that each of those individuals must be certified by the State of New Jersey.

AYES: GOLINSKI, KUSER, GABEL, LYDEN, SCOLLANS, FITZPATRICK

ABSENT: SMITH
NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:

R-13-263  RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS
MOTION TO APPROVE R-13-263: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER GABEL
AYES: SCOLLANS, GABEL, KUSER, LYDEN, GOLINSKI, FITZPATRICK
ABSENT SMITH

MOTION TO APPROVE R-13-264: MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: GABEL, LYDEN, KUSER, GOLINSKI, SCOLLANS, FITZPATRICK
ABSENT: SMITH

MOTION TO APPROVE R-13-265: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: SCOLLANS, LYDEN, GABEL, KUSER, GOLINSKI, FITZPATRICK
ABSENT: SMITH

R-13-266  RESOLUTION REFUNDING THE PAYMENT OF TAXES OVERPAID FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013 - $3,313.58
MOTION TO APPROVE R-13-266: MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER KUSER
AYES: GABEL, KUSER, LYDEN, GOLINSKI, SCOLLANS, FITZPATRICK
ABSENT: SMITH

R-13-267  RESOLUTION REFUNDING THE PAYMENT OF TAXES OVERPAID DUE TO JUDGEMENT BY THE TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY - $13,313.72
MOTION TO APPROVE R-13-267: MOVED BY MEMBER KUSER, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: KUSER, LYDEN, GABEL, GOLINSKI, SCOLLANS, FITZPATRICK
ABSENT: SMITH

R-13-268 RESOLUTION REFUNDING THE PAYMENT OF TAXES OVERPAID
DUE TO JUDGEMENT BY THE TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY - $8,830.51
MOTION TO APPROVE R-13-268: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: SCOLLANS, LYDEN, GABEL, KUSER, GOLINSKI, FITZPATRICK
ABSENT: SMITH

R-13-269 RESOLUTION REFUNDING THE PAYMENT OF TAXES OVERPAID DUE TO JUDGEMENT BY THE TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY - $12,567.60
MOTION TO APPROVE R-13-269: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI
AYES: SCOLLANS, GOLINSKI, GABEL, KUSER, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK
ABSENT: SMITH

R-13-270 RESOLUTION REFUNDING THE PAYMENT OF TAXES OVERPAID DUE TO JUDGEMENT BY THE TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY - $6,596.33
MOTION TO APPROVE R-13-270: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI
AYES: SCOLLANS, GOLINSKI, GABEL, KUSER, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK
ABSENT: SMITH

R-13-271 RESOLUTION REFUNDING THE PAYMENT OF TAXES OVERPAID DUE TO JUDGEMENT BY THE TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY - $26,602.54
MOTION TO APPROVE R-13-271: MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS
AYES: GABEL, SCOLLANS, KUSER, LYDEN, GOLINSKI, FITZPATRICK
ABSENT: SMITH

R-13-272 RESOLUTION REFUNDING THE PAYMENT OF TAXES OVERPAID DUE TO THE JUDGEMENT BY THE TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY - $5,267.70
MOTION TO APPROVE R-13-272: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI
AYES: SCOLLANS, GOLINSKI, GABEL, KUSER, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK
ABSENT: SMITH

R-13-273 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF MONEY DUE TO THE REDEMPTION OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE - $27,753.74
MOTION TO APPROVE R-13-273: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED
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BY MEMBER GOLINSKI
AYES: SCOLLANS, GOLINSKI, GABEL, KUSER, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK
ABSENT: SMITH

R-13-274 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION FROM THE
REHABILITATION RESERVE OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST
FUND
MOTION TO APPROVE R-13-274: MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY
MEMBER GOLINSKI
Councilman Golinski noted that this assistance was spoken about in the beginning of
the year when we talked about property maintenance issues. He said that this is an
example of one of our residents taking advantage, in a good way, of the funds that are
available to help residents here in Denville.
AYES: GABEL, GOLINSKI, KUSER, LYDEN, SCOLLANS, FITZPATRICK
ABSENT: SMITH

R-13-275 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR SEWER LATERAL
CONNECTION TO SEWER SYSTEM FOR 163 CEDAR LAKE EAST
MOTION TO APPROVE R-13-275: MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY
MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: GABEL, LYDEN, KUSER, GOLINSKI, SCOLLANS, FITZPATRICK
ABSENT: SMITH

R-13-276 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR SEWER LATERAL
CONNECTION TO SEWER SYSTEM FOR 165 CEDAR LAKE EAST
MOTION TO APPROVE R-13-276: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED
BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: SCOLLANS, LYDEN, GABEL, KUSER, GOLINSKI, FITZPATRICK
ABSENT: SMITH

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF 11-12-13, 11-26-13 AND 12-3-13: MOVED BY
MEMBER KUSER, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: KUSER, LYDEN, GABEL, GOLINSKI, SCOLLANS, FITZPATRICK
ABSENT: SMITH

MOTION TO ADJOURN: MOVED BY MEMBER KUSER, SECONDED BY MEMBER
LYDEN
AYES: UNANIMOUS
ABSENT: SMITH

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:07 P.M.
Respectfully submitted by,

Kathleen A. Costello
Deputy Township Clerk