TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 7, 2014

The Meeting was called to order by Township Clerk Donna Costello at 7:30 p.m. Clerk Costello read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement. The Clerk asked all present to stand as Boy Scout Troop #118’s Honor Guard advanced the colors and led everyone in the Salute to the Flag. The Honor Guard then retired the colors. An Invocation was then given by Rev. Alan Schaefer of the Union Hill Presbyterian Church. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Mayor Andes noted that he received a call from Assemblyman Bucco advising that Senator Bucco will be here tonight but the Assemblyman is unable to attend. Mayor Andes advised that Former Mayor Ted Hussa and Former Councilmen Fred Lash and Bob Unrath are in attendance.

Township Clerk Costello read the Declaration and Determination of County Canvassers relative to the election of Municipal Council Ward Representatives. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The Township Clerk then called forward each Councilman-Elect and his family, in turn, and administered the Oath of Office.

After the swearing-in of Councilman Gabel, Mayor Andes announced the arrival of Senator Bucco and Freeholder John Krickus. The Clerk proceeded to administer the Oath of Office to the remaining Councilmen-elect.

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

Clerk Costello called for the nomination and election of a Council President. Councilman Scollans nominated Councilman Chris Golinski. Councilman Gabel nominated Councilman Gene Fitzpatrick. Councilwoman Smith seconded Mr. Gabel’s nomination of Councilman Fitzpatrick. There being no second of Mr. Scollans’ nomination of Mr. Golinski, Clerk Costello asked if there were any further nominations. There were no additional nominations. ROLL CALL ON COUNCILMAN GABEL’S NOMINATION OF COUNCILMAN FITZPATRICK: AYES: GABEL, SMITH, KUSER, LYDEN, GOLINSKI, SCOLLANS, FITZPATRICK

President Fitzpatrick asked each of the Councilmen-elect if they had any comments.

Councilman Gabel thanked all who supported him for re-election and pledged continued diligence and integrity in serving Denville for the next four years.

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Councilman Golinski similarly thanked all who supported him and pledged to do his best in the upcoming term of office. Councilman Kuser commented that the past four years went by very quickly. He noted that there were many accomplishments by this Council and there was a true team effort. Mr. Kuser gave high praise to Administrator Ward and the positive impact he has had on this town. He mentioned many positions that were filled with new people and said that the main thing is the new community spirit and hope that is stronger than ever. Mr. Kuser also thanked all who supported him for re-election.

Senator Bucco wished every one a very Happy New Year and said that he will continue to work for the residents of Denville. Freeholder Krickus wished everyone a Happy New Year and said that all are welcome to call the Freeholders’ office or come to their meetings with any problems that may arise.

President Fitzpatrick made some brief comments, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

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

Mayor Andes gave his State of the Municipality Address. A copy of the Address is attached to these minutes. The Mayor also provided the Council with a list of his appointments for 2014. A copy of the list is attached to these minutes.

MOTION TO EXTEND ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS FOR 2014: MOVED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI, SECONDED BY MEMBER KUSER AYES: GOLINSKI, KUSER, GABEL, SMITH, LYDEN, SCOLLANS, FITZPATRICK

Mayor Andes administered the Oath of Office to the following:
John P. Jansen, Esq., Municipal Attorney
James LaSala, Esq., Municipal Prosecutor
Township Engineer John Ruschke
Township Planner Jason Kasler
Members of the Planning Board
Members of the Board of Adjustment
All other Statutory Appointees

President Fitzpatrick introduced Ryan Moroney, the Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Award winner.
Mr. Moroney stated that he is a senior at Morris Catholic High School and he thanked the Chamber of Commerce for awarding him the scholarship to help fund his higher
education. Mr. Moroney gave a brief overview of his interests and accomplishments, thanked the Council for inviting him to speak and said that he looks forward to serving Denville in the future.

President Fitzpatrick advised that Attorney Jansen has suggested that some of the 2014 Re-Organization Resolutions may be moved together as consent resolutions. Attorney Jansen suggested that R-14-01 be voted on separately and R-14-02 through R-14-11 as well as R-14-14 and R-14-16 may be dealt with on a consent basis if no one from the Council or public wishes to have any of them removed from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Jansen further noted that R-14-12 may be removed from the agenda because it is unnecessary. He explained that the services of his partner are covered under his professional services agreement.

R-14-01 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2014
MOTION TO APPROVE R-14-01: MOVED BY MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI
AYES: SMITH, GOLINSKI, GABEL, KUSER, LYDEN, SCOLLANS, FITZPATRICK

President Fitzpatrick asked if anyone wished to have anything removed from the items identified as the Consent Agenda. Councilman Gabel noted that he and Councilwoman Smith have agreed to swap appointments as follows: Mr. Gabel will be liaison to the Mayor’s Committee for People with Challenges and Mrs. Smith will be liaison to Clean Communities. He said that the opposite is shown in R-14-09.

President Fitzpatrick agreed to that change.
Councilman Scollans said he would like to have a discussion regarding R-14-09. President Fitzpatrick replied that the resolution will be pulled from the Consent Agenda and a discussion will be held after the vote on the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:
R-14-02 RESOLUTION CONCERNING 2014 ANNUAL NOTICE
R-14-03 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2014
R-14-04 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LEGAL DEPOSITORIES FOR PUBLIC MONIES FOR 2014 PER N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14
R-14-05 RESOLUTION APPOINTING CUSTODIAN OF RECREATION PETTY CASH FUND FOR 2014
R-14-06 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ASSESSMENT LIEN SEARCHERS FOR THE YEAR 2014
R-14-07 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX ASSESSOR TO ENTER TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
DENVILLE FOR THE YEAR 2014

R-14-08 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING INTEREST PENALTY CHARGES ON DELINQUENT TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2014 PER N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 AMENDED BY ASSEMBLY BILL #3170

R-14-10 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DARLENE PRICE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE FOR THE YEAR 2014

R-14-11 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY FOR 2014

R-14-14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN E.U.S. AGREEMENT WITH DAVID SGALIA OF THE HENRY O. BAKER AGENCY FOR RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT SERVICE FOR THE YEAR 2014

R-14-16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF MONEY DUE TO THE REDEMPTION OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,860.78

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: MOVED BY MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY MEMBER GABEL
AYES: SMITH, GABEL, KUSER, LYDEN, GOLINSKI, SCOLLANS, FITZPATICK

President Fitzpatrick noted that there was a change in R-14-03 dealing with meeting dates. He explained that in November, the 4th is Election Day and the 11th is Veterans’ Day so, for that month only, the Council will meet on Monday, November 10th.

R-14-09 RESOLUTION APPOINTING LIAISON REPRESENTATIVES TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND/OR BOARDS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE FOR THE YEAR 2014

MOTION TO APPROVE R-14-09: MOVED BY MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY MEMBER GABEL
DISCUSSION: Councilman Scollans recommended that the liaison appointments should be discussed at a workshop meeting rather than having the Council members advised as to what committee they have been assigned.
Councilwoman Smith commented that President Fitzpatrick had provided the Council with this list earlier and gave them the opportunity to review it. She suggested that we move forward with this list and discuss it at a later date. Mrs. Smith said that she feels that there should be people in place.
Mr. Scollans replied that he was not suggesting that it be held up but, rather, that it be discussed beforehand in the future.
President Fitzpatrick said that the suggestion is noted and added that his approach was to move the liaisons around a bit after they had served two years with a committee or board. He suggested that the resolution be passed and if any swaps are to be made, an amendment can easily be acted upon.
Councilman Golinski commented that it is his understanding that the assignment of
liaisons is the prerogative of the Council President. He said that he and Mrs. Lyden actually wanted the same committee but she was appointed to it and he will support her and thinks we should all work together. Mr. Golinski added that he thinks a bit of discussion next year would be fine but he does not feel discussing it at a workshop is necessary.

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

R-14-13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - TOWNSHIP AUDITOR RAYMOND SARINELLI FOR 2014
MOTION TO APPROVE R-14-13: MOVED BY MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS
AYES: SMITH, SCOLLANS, GABEL, KUSER, LYDEN, GOLINSKI, FITZPATRICK

R-14-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF MONEY DUE TO THE REDEMPTION OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE IN THE AMOUNT OF $57,465.67
MOTION TO APPROVE R-14-15: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI
AYES: SCOLLANS, GOLINSKI, GABEL, KUSER, SMITH, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK

R-14-17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF MONEY DUE TO THE REDEMPTION OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE IN THE AMOUNT OF $23,474.36
MOTION TO APPROVE R-14-17: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: SCOLLANS, LYDEN, GABEL, KUSER, SMITH, GOLINSKI, FITZPATRICK

MOTION TO ADJOURN: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI
AYES: UNANIMOUS

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathleen A. Costello
Deputy Township Clerk