TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

MAY 29, 2012

The Meeting was called to order by President Kuser at 7:30 p.m. The Salute to the Flag was recited, followed by an Invocation given by Councilman Fitzpatrick. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read by Township Clerk Donna Costello. Mrs. Costello reminded all present that this is a non-smoking facility and requested that all cell phones be muted.

ROLL CALL: FITZPATRICK, GABEL, GOLINSKI, LYDEN, SCOLLANS, SMITH, KUSER
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: MAYOR ANDES, ADMINISTRATOR WARD, TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY JANSEN, POLICE CHIEF WAGNER AND NUMEROUS MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS AND/OR PRESENTATIONS

OATH OF OFFICE AND SWEARING IN CEREMONY
POLICE OFFICER CHRISTOPHER ORDWAY

Chief Wagner thanked the Council for this opportunity to welcome a new officer to Denville’s Police Department. He gave a brief biography of Christopher Ordway and of his work background. (A copy of those comments is attached to these minutes.) The Chief called Christopher Ordway and his family forward and Township Clerk Costello administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor Andes welcomed Officer Ordway to Denville and said that he is sure he will do a great job. He commented that, under the heading of “it’s a small world”, he and Christopher’s uncle worked together in the Shop Rite when they were 17 yrs. old.

Mayor Andes mentioned that last Tuesday he, Chief Wagner and Social Services Director Deirdre Rock accepted a special, and newly created, award from the Lakeland Hills YMCA for Community Spirit on behalf of Denville. He read the citation and noted that it was awarded to the Administration and all support services in Denville for their efforts after the catastrophic hurricane in August of last year. The Mayor commended the Police and Fire Departments, the OEM and all the residents of Denville. He said that it was a very proud moment accepting the award on behalf of Denville.

HURRICANE RELIEF PRESENTATION

A. R. SPINOLA PTA
LAKEVIEW SCHOOL 5TH GRADE
FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

A group of students came forward and each one took part in thanking the Mayor, their Principal, teacher and their parents for their support during their fund raising efforts.

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The girls, in unison, presented a check for $500.00 to Mayor Andes for the Hurricane Irene Relief Fund on behalf of the Lakeview 5th Grade Class of 2012. They then presented an additional check in the amount of $75 collected through the efforts of the A. R. Spinola PTA, Lakeview School, K through 5, for the Hurricane Relief Fund. Mayor Andes thanked the students for their great efforts on behalf of their town and President Kuser presented each one with a pin for Outstanding Service. The checks from the PTA were presented to Mayor Andes.

LIAISON REPORTS:
Councilman Scollans reported that a new crossing switch control system has been installed at Station Road and Lackawanna Ave. and the new system is working very well.
Mr. Scollans noted that the Senior Men’s group complained about traffic and a variety of other things on Fox Hill Road and the matters were addressed by Administrator Ward and Chief Wagner.
Councilman Scollans reported that the Green Sustainability Committee had a major complaint regarding St. Clare’s EMT vehicles standing with their engines running for as much as an hour and a half outside of Doc’s Kitchen, when off duty. He said that he sent a letter to the President of St. Clare’s and received a reply from his assistant advising that they will do what they can to control that situation. Mr. Scollans noted that evidently there is a need to keep the engine running in some cases due to the equipment on some of these vehicles..
Councilman Golinski reported that he attended the Open Space Committee meeting recently. He said that the Committee was working on formalizing the goals and objectives for the evaluation of properties that will be considered in the future for acquisition.
Mr. Golinski advised that there will be a meeting this week with the Mayor, Administrator and representatives of the Fire Department to discuss the progress that is being made towards restoring, repairing or rebuilding the Valleyview Fire House.
Councilman Golinski reminded his fellow Council members that the Fire Department’s Carnival is coming up. He said that he has already volunteered to work in the kitchen but added that there are numerous other volunteer opportunities and he encouraged the Council members to participate.
Councilwoman Lyden advised that the Beautification Committee is up and running with lots of work parties on Wednesdays and Saturdays. She said that with the numerous planters around town to be tended, there are many volunteer opportunities with that Committee as well.
Councilwoman Smith commented on the Memorial Day Parade stating that there was a wonderful turnout and it was a great tribute to our servicemen and women.
Councilman Fitzpatrick reported that the first river clean-up was held two weeks ago. He said that the turnout was unbelievable and close to 100 people volunteered during those two days. Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that many Council members came out and Township Council
commended Mr. Scollans on his expertise with a chain saw. He said that there were five boats and six to eight chainsaws. Mr. Fitzpatrick commented on the visible results of this clean-up and added that there will be another on June 9th and 10th. He said that if these clean-ups continue, it will have a great impact on the Rockaway River in Denville. President Kuser commented that he was working with Councilman Golinski and has discovered that Mr. Golinski is a tire removal expert. Councilman Fitzpatrick noted that Township Attorney Jansen also came out and did a great job of hauling debris out of the river. It was noted that 61 tires were removed from the river. Councilman Gabel reported that he attended a Board of Education meeting and it was a very light-hearted meeting which included music. He said that they did discuss some business regarding personnel changes and voted on a lease agreement for some temporary office space on Ford Road with Morris 400. Mr. Gabel noted that he is looking to have a meeting with Susan Reinhart, the Chairperson of a new committee - Persons with Disabilities. He said that the group is being formed and will have a table at the Rotary Street Festival. Mr. Gabel encouraged everyone to stop by to meet them and learn more about the Committee’s plans. President Kuser reported that the Downtown Economic Development Committee is working, through Administration, with Seton Hall University to have a downtown survey performed. He said that it would occur during the Fall semester and patrons who come into Denville will be interviewed. Mr. Kuser reported that the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother donated the funds that were needed in order for the Township to join Main Street USA. President Kuser noted that Mr. Fuertges will find this information interesting. He said that Willie of the North Jersey Driving School is now the Chamber of Commerce’s liaison to the Beautification Committee. Mr. Kuser added that Willie will be in charge of seeing that the planters are watered.

MAYOR’S REPORT:
Mayor Andes advised that the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother have also made available additional property to be used for a ballfield at the Pocono Road site. He said that it is the property inside the fence and needs just some minor leveling. Mr. Andes said that, as a follow up to the river clean-up, the Mayor’s Coalition is meeting and putting together work crews and determining what equipment is available. He commented that this will be a big help with organizing a clean-up in July. The Mayor noted that the guest speaker was the Director of the Parsippany DPW. He added that, since Parsippany’s DPW is quite a large department, they do the river clean-up without volunteers. Mayor Andes stated that the gentleman was very helpful and will come back to the Coalition to offer any further assistance that they may need. Mayor Andes listed the following events that are coming up:

- Rotary Street Festival June 3rd 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:
Administrator Ward reported that, with the FEMA buyouts, we were able to acquire 6 or 7 of the 11 homes that were identified. He added that Morris County supplied 25% of the funding to FEMA’s 75% to buyout these homes. Mr. Ward said that we have been advised that Morris County, through the CORE Program, will provide 75% of the funding for the balance of the homes and we are using our N. J. Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant to fund the remaining 25%. He said that this means that we will have the funding set up to acquire all eleven properties. Mr. Ward noted that the appraisals have been performed, the Phase I environmental assessments are being performed on all of the properties pursuant to FEMA regulations and metes and bounds surveys are being performed. The Administrator advised that there were some minor errors in the FEMA agreement which has been sent back for correction. He said that, once that is returned to us, all the money will be in place to move forward with those acquisitions.
Mr. Ward commented that, as Mr. Golinski noted, there will be a meeting regarding the Valleyview Fire House and it is hoped that a presentation will be ready for the first Council meeting in June.

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION:
Franz Fuertges, 109 Ford Road, recognized Bill Richards, crediting him for many improvements throughout the Township. He spoke glowingly of Mr. Richards’s contributions to the Township and said that he should be recognized for his efforts.

CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

CORRESPONDENCE: All copied to Council.

MATTERS OF OLD AND/OR NEW BUSINESS: None.

President Kuser advised that R-12-143 is being removed from the Agenda, pending further funding information from the State. He noted that the remaining resolutions on the Consent Agenda are: R-12-144, 145, 146, 147 and 148.
President Kuser asked if anyone from the Council or the public wished to have anything removed from the Consent Agenda. No one responded.

CONSENT AGENDA:
R-12-144 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE AUDIT REPORT FOR 2011
R-12-145 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REINSTATEMENT OF THE ORIGINAL SEWER ASSESSMENT INSTALLMENT PLAN FOR CERTAIN Township Council
PROPERTIES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE

R-12-146 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PUBLIC HEALTH SHARED SERVICES PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE AND THE COUNTY OF MORRIS OFFICE OF HEALTH MANAGEMENT

R-12-147 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL ONE DAY ABC LIQUOR LICENSE

R-12-148 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR SEWER EXTENSION

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: SCOLLANS, LYDEN, GABEL, FITZPATRICK, SMITH all but R-12-148, GOLINSKI all but R-12-147, KUSER
ABSTAIN: SMITH on R-12-148, GOLINSKI on R-12-147

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTION:
R-12-149 RESOLUTION REFUNDING THE PAYMENT OF TAXES OVERPAID DUE TO JUDGEMENT BY THE TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY
MOTION TO APPROVE R-12-149: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK
AYES: SCOLLANS, FITZPATRICK, GABEL, SMITH, LYDEN, GOLINSKI, KUSER

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF 5-15-12: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS SECONDED BY MEMBER GABEL
AYES: SCOLLANS, GABEL, FITZPATRICK, SMITH, LYDEN, GOLINSKI, KUSER

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathleen A. Costello
Deputy Township Clerk