TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
JUNE 12, 2012

The Meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by President Kuser. The Salute to the Flag was recited, followed by the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act Statement by Deputy Township Clerk Kathy Costello. Mrs. Costello reminded all present that this is a non-smoking facility and asked that all cell phones be silenced.

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

President Kuser advised that Councilwoman Lyden has been delayed in traffic and will arrive shortly.

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

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

DENVILLE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED 2013 FESTIVITIES

Mayor Andes noted that, back in January, the Events and Celebrations Committee was reinstated with seven members and a multitude of advisors/volunteers. He advised that the Committee Chairman, Bob Unrath, is here tonight to give a presentation regarding what the Committee has been up to and explain what plans have been made so far. The Mayor then yielded the floor to Bob Unrath and Dan Lefsky.

Councilwoman Lyden arrived at 7:34 p.m.

Mr. Unrath spoke of how the Committee was put together and introduced the members of the Steering Committee. He noted that from that core group the Committee expanded to eleven sub-committees, comprised of more than 60 volunteers. Mr. Unrath stated that the events that have been planned so far could not have been accomplished without the dedication of very talented Committee members. The Committee members were asked to stand and were acknowledged with a round of applause.

Mr. Unrath listed the following events that will be held in honor of Denville's Centennial year:

1. A black tie optional dinner at the Sheraton Hotel in Parsippany on Saturday, April 13, 2013. The dinner is still in the planning stage and the Committee does not want to reveal too much and spoil the surprises that are being planned. Mr. Unrath did advise that there will be an enhanced cocktail hour, with music; a 10 piece band called "Steppin' Out" will play during dinner. Mr. Unrath said that the plan is to invite Governor Christie and hope that he will attend. Mayor Andes interjected that the invitation has been extended.

2. On Sunday, June 9, 2013 a parade will be held in town. Currently six (6) bands have been secured and it is hoped that the total will increase to ten (10). Floats from all sectors of the community will be included.
3. On July 4, 2013 there will be enhanced fireworks with special displays as well as events and picnics leading up to the fireworks.

4. An old-fashioned family picnic is being planned for Sunday, September 22, 2013. The picnic will feature free events for Denville families, an old-fashioned 1913 baseball game, a barbershop quartet, games for the kids, a pie-eating contest and music from the 20's through 2013. The picnic will be highlighted by taking a wide-screen, huge town picture. Mr. Unrath explained that the plan is to get a fire truck to take an aerial view of everyone who wishes to be in the picture. A yearbook type booklet is being put together with old pictures, interviews with long-time residents, etc. It is hoped that there will be a good deal of community involvement.

5. The Historical Society will conduct tours of the downtown area pointing out the location of buildings in Denville’s early years and the significance of each location to our town. A ghost tour and house tours are also on the Historical Society’s agenda. Vito Bianco will be displaying centennial-centered items in the showcase in the hall as you enter this building.

Mr. Unrath noted that none of this can happen without funding and Mr. Lefsky will speak about the merchandising and marketing that is being put together to accomplish that goal.

Mr. Lefsky commented that the plan is to have a year-long celebration of Denville and its history. He said that the goal is to accomplish this series of events independent of taxpayer funds, if possible. Mr. Lefsky listed the following methods that are being explored for fund-raising:

1. Merchandising: centennial keepsakes such as Christmas ornaments, shirts, hats, etc.
2. 100th Anniversary Monopoly (Denville-opoly) game.
3. 75th Anniversary Time Capsule will be raised and 100th Anniversary Capsule buried. To be held on the same day as the parade.
4. A program, for one year, to incorporate Denville history in the curriculum of all Denville schools.
5. Work with the Chamber of Commerce to ensure that the businesses in town are also involved as much as possible.
6. Make every effort to include all of the communities and geographic areas of Denville.

Mr. Lefsky noted that a key point to the success of this endeavor is marketing; making sure that the Committee reaches out to everyone in Denville who wants to participate and enjoy the year. He advised that there are a number of ways to communicate with the Committee: denvillecentennial.com, a Centennial Face Book page, a Twitter account - Denville 100 and a phone line, which is 720-Denville, leaving off the last “e” for events. Councilman Fitzpatrick came forward and praised the Committee for the “amazing job” they have done so far. He said that it is like a small corporation and the Advertising Committee is like an ad agency of marketing. Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the members of
that sub-committee to stand and be recognized for giving their time to create #1 branding for this whole Centennial.

Councilman Fitzpatrick unveiled the Centennial logo, which he noted features the Hub Wheel, the Clock Tower and the Township’s signature green color.

Mr. Lefsky commented that there are 12 sub-committees and volunteers for any of these committees would be welcome. He said that the last issue that he wants to mention is fund-raising. Mr. Lefsky stated that there is a big campaign that is set to kick off this week. He said that Alan Verbeek is heading the fund-raising initiative and a package is set to go out shortly. Mr. Lefsky commented that it is a 501c3 charitable organization and is being run through the Denville PAL.

Mr. Unrath then announced that St. Clare’s Hospital is celebrating its 60th Anniversary in September of 2013. He read a brief commentary relating the origin of the hospital and how Denville and St. Clare’s have grown together over the years. Mr. Unrath announced that St. Clare’s will be the exclusive Hospital Health System sponsor and has graciously agreed to be a Platinum Sponsor for all of the events that are being planned. Mr. Unrath stated that having St. Clare’s as a Platinum Sponsor truly shows that our Centennial Celebration is a real family event and gratefully acknowledged St. Clare’s for being a part of that family.

Mr. Unrath asked the President and CEO, Les Hirsch and Stephanie Galloway to come forward in order that he might thank them for St. Clare’s Platinum sponsorship.

Mr. Hirsch spoke briefly about the fact that St. Clare’s is Denville’s hometown hospital and said that St. Clare’s is proud and honored to be a sponsor for such a wonderful event.

Mr. Unrath concluded by saying that Denville is a family town and we cried together during Hurricane Irene; now it is time to celebrate and show the residents of Denville in 2113 that we knew how to throw a party in 2013.

President Kuser thanked Mr. Unrath and Mr. Lefsky for their fine presentation on the work that they are putting into this celebration.

Mayor Andes commented that, at the first meeting, he told the Committee that the scope of the celebration is limited only by imagination and finances. He thanked the Committee for having some great imaginative ideas and ways to figure out how to pay for it.

Administrator Ward announced that all of the business cards for the remainder of this year and all of next year, will incorporate the Centennial logo on them.

VALLEY VIEW FIREHOUSE RENOVATIONS UPDATE

Mayor Andes noted that, at the Reorganization Meeting on January 1st, he spoke of his seven main objectives for this year:
   - The Valley View Firehouse.
   - The river.

Township Council
Mr. Andes noted that in the second week of January a committee consisting of the Administrator, Mayor, Engineer, Council Liaison and two or three representatives of the Fire Dept. was formed. He advised that the committee met every other Tuesday and all decisions were made after healthy debate on every single aspect of location and design. The Mayor stated that tonight they are presenting a plan to rebuild the Valley View Firehouse, within the budget. He added that the Fire Department has committed to do fund-raising to offset the cost of ancillary items.

Administrator Ward took over the presentation and noted some of the locations that were considered and why the committee ended up with its ultimate selection.

He noted that great attention was given to every detail adding that the final layout of the bathrooms that will be seen tonight is the 25th rendition of how the bathrooms should be configured. Mr. Ward advised that some of the considerations that went into the selection of a location were DEP issues. He said that a lot of the areas in that section of town are constrained by wetlands and stream buffers, as well as population and response time considerations.

President Kuser asked Mr. Ward to comment about what happened and why the building needs to be rebuilt.

Mr. Ward explained that the hurricane caused flooding that had never occurred before in the basement training room. He added that the bays also flooded and the Engineer found that there was damage to the foundation walls. Mr. Ward said that the Engineer has recommended that the basement be filled in.

Administrator Ward then listed the six (6) locations that were examined as possible sites:

1. The existing location.
2. DPW area which is flat but has stream buffer issues and response time concerns.
3. Cook's Pond which was found to be deed restricted.
4. Diamond Spring Rd., adjacent to Mary Ave. but they were unable to contact the owner.
5. Foundation for the Blind has wetlands issues.
6. Philips Lane, off Diamond Spring Rd., is private property and acquiring the land would be cost prohibitive.

Administrator Ward advised that it quickly became the consensus of the committee that the current site was the optimal location. He added that the decision then had to be made as to whether a new Firehouse should be built or renovations be made with an addition, so that the training facility will be above ground. Mr. Ward advised that the Director of Environmental Protection, Cindy Randazzo, inspected the site and noted some pitch and grade issues. It was determined that the DEP involvement would be reduced by using the existing footprint, as opposed to demolishing the building and Township Council...
erecting a completely new structure. Mr. Ward noted that the building was designed with the future in mind. He then yielded the floor to Engineer John Ruschke and Fire Chief Wesley Sharples.

President Kuser interjected that the Firehouse was flooded, the floor heaved up and added that he had asked Mr. Ruschke if a fire truck could be parked in the building. He said that Mr. Ruschke’s response was, “No way”. Mr. Kuser explained the measures that would have to be taken to determine the usability of the basement and it was determined that it should be filled in.

Engineer Ruschke advised that a detailed inspection was performed after the storm and it was determined that the structural integrity of the building was suspect. He explained that the fire trucks are parked in bays that are supported by a concrete floor with a basement below in the existing building. Mr. Ruschke described the method of construction and the concern for the integrity of the concrete that was used. He said that there is a need to look at the service life of the structure and make some serious structural modifications to accommodate the needs of the future.

Chief Sharples unveiled the architectural renderings of the proposed building. Mr. Ruschke described the major changes in the proposed structure:

Three bays as in the current building, but one will be raised to accommodate a larger door.

An addition, which is generally the same footage of the existing basement, will be constructed to accommodate the training and other activities that were carried out in the basement.

Mr. Ruschke noted that the Fire Department is not asking for any more than the same needs that they required in the existing building. He described the floor plan noting that all the areas meet the minimum needs of the Fire Department.

Mr. Ruschke noted that it is in the flood plain, which results in some permitting issues that need to be addressed. He advised that the addition will be elevated and have an open basement so that the water will flow through under the structure. Mr. Ruschke added that it will be in accordance with DEP regulations. He also noted that there will be no site improvements needed.

Chief Sharples pointed out the side elevation and the colored floor plan. He thanked the three members of his Department who participated in the meetings as well as the Council for their support. The Chief noted that it was a long process but everyone is happy with the results and the plan meets the needs of the Fire Department for now and the future.

The Council members had a few questions regarding such items as the entry to the building, ADA compliance, cracks to the main foundation, the beams that are under the main floor and the flow-through basement. Mr. Ruschke explained each issue to the Council’s satisfaction.

President Kuser explained that the bay on the left is the one that was on a concrete slab and that slab heaved up in the flood.

Councilman Golinski thanked the members of the Fire Department for what they do all
the time and for the hard work they did on the committee. He said they went above and beyond and looked at it, not just for the needs of the Department, but also through the eyes of the taxpayers.

Mr. Golinski noted that no one has asked the big question: how much will it cost? He said that the initial estimate was around $1 million, the architect’s estimates were even higher and the final cost is approximately $837,000. Mr. Golinski added that it is something the town needs and he hopes that everyone will support it.

Mr. Golinski advised that there are three opportunities coming up to support the Fire Department’s efforts to add some of the amenities that they would like to fund:
- Annual fund drive
- Carnival
- Fire Department or Denville web site to send a donation

President Kuser commented on the efforts of the committee to arrive at this plan economically. He said the proposed building has the appropriate appearance for the area and he whole-heartedly supports it.

Councilwoman Smith asked what the time-frame is for construction.

Mr. Ward explained the process and estimated that the project should be “shovel-ready” in March or April.

Mr. Ruschke commented on the DEP permits and anticipates a reasonable turn around for them.

Mrs. Smith complimented the volunteers and added that she will support this project.

MOTION FOR CONSENSUS TO SUPPORT VALLEY VIEW FIREHOUSE PROJECT:
MOVED BY MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK
AYES: SMITH, FITZPATRICK, GABEL, LYDEN, GOLINSKI, SCOLLANS, KUSER

Administrator Ward interjected that Chief Sharples is also the Township’s OEM Coordinator. He said that there is a claim in to FEMA for the Firehouse damage and equipment loss during the hurricane. Mr. Ward noted that the claim was not taken into consideration when budgeting for this building but, when there is a signed contract for the project, it will be submitted to FEMA and we may be reimbursed for some of the damage.

President Kuser thanked the Mayor, Administrator, the Fire Department, Councilman Golinski, Mr. Ruschke and all who were involved in this endeavor.

Mayor Andes thanked the Fire Chiefs for their work on this and for the generosity of the Department in offering to raise funds to help with the cost of the ancillary items.

R-12-150 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF INCIDENTAL MODIFICATION TO PROJECT SCOPE/LIMITS FOR PHASE II DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (BLOOMFIELD AVENUE)
MOTION TO APPROVE R-12-150: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI
AYES: SCOLLANS, GOLINSKI, GABEL, FITZPATRICK, SMITH, LYDEN, KUSER

R-12-151  RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RAFFLE LICENSES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE
MOTION TO APPROVE R-12-151: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER GABEL
AYES: SCOLLANS, GABEL, FITZPATRICK, SMITH, LYDEN, KUSER
ABSTAIN: GOLINSKI

R-12-152  RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR SUPERVISORS' ASSOCIATION.
MOTION TO APPROVE R-12-152: MOVED BY MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK
AYES: SMITH, FITZPATRICK, GABEL, LYDEN, GOLINSKI, KUSER
RECUSE: SCOLLANS

President Kuser advised that Councilman Scollans will recuse himself from the Closed Session and no action will be taken following the Closed Session.
Mr. Kuser called for a brief recess at 8:37 p.m. before going into Closed Session. Member Scollans left the building.

Council came out of Closed Session at 8:59 p.m.
MOTION TO ADJOURN: MOVED BY MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK
AYES: UNANIMOUS

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathleen A. Costello
Deputy Township Clerk