The Meeting was called to order by President Fitzpatrick at 7:30 p.m. The Salute to the Flag was recited. In lieu of an Invocation, President Fitzpatrick invited Clerk Donna Costello’s son, Bill, to lead the assemblage in the singing of “God Bless America”. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read by Clerk Costello.

ROLL CALL: KUSER, GABEL, GOLINSKI, LYDEN, SCOLLANS, SMITH, FITZPATRICK
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: MAYOR ANDES, ADMINISTRATOR WARD, TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY JANSEN, NUMEROUS FORMER ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPUTY CLERK KATHY COSTELLO.

President Fitzpatrick advised that he is going to take care of the business of the Council first and then go to Ceremonial Matters. He suspended the Council Liaison reports but stated that the Mayor and Council would like everyone to know that the planting at the rain garden is progressing. President Fitzpatrick noted that volunteers are welcome on Saturday morning beginning at 8:00 a.m. to help with planting along Riverside Drive. President Fitzpatrick also suspended the Mayor’s Report and the Administrator’s Report.

President Fitzpatrick advised that for anyone who has questions or comments regarding Council matters, he will open the Public Portion.

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION:
Michael Pierson, 18 Meadow Street, stated that he is an Eagle Scout in Troop 118. He said that, on behalf of Troop 118 he would like to thank Mrs. Costello for educating the young men of Troop 118 as they sought their Citizenship Merit Badges. Mr. Pierson added that, were it not for Mrs. Costello’s patient merit badge counseling, many of the present Eagle Scouts would not have attained that rank.

CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

CORRESPONDENCE: All copied to Council.

MATTERS OF OLD AND/OR NEW BUSINESS: None.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

R-14-143 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A TEMPORARY ACCESS EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ST. CLARE’S HOSPITAL FOR REMOVAL OF EXCESS SILT, SEDIMENTATION AND DEBRIS

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R-14-144 Resolution Authorizing Reinstatement of the Original Sewer Assessment Installment Plan for Certain Properties in the Township of Denville

R-14-145 Resolution Authorizing a Refund of a COAH Development Fee in the Amount of $57.00

R-14-146 Resolution Authorizing Raffle Licenses in the Township of Denville

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda: Moved by Member Smith, Seconded by Member Kuser

Ayes: Smith, Kuser, Gabel, Lyden, Golinski, Scollans, Fitzpatrick

Non-Consent Resolutions:

R-14-147 Resolution Authorizing Refund of Recreation Department Fees

Motion to Approve R-14-147: Moved by Member Smith, Seconded by Member Gabel

Ayes: Smith, Gabel, Kuser, Lyden, Golinski, Scollans, Fitzpatrick

R-14-148 Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with John K. Ruschke, P.E. for Professional Engineering Services

Motion to Approve R-14-148: Moved by Member Scollans, Seconded by Member Lyden

Ayes: Scollans, Lyden, Gabel, Kuser, Smith, Golinski, Fitzpatrick

R-14-149 Resolution Awarding Contract for a Four Wheel Drive Loader Pursuant to Bid Amount of $157,489.00 with a Trade-In Credit of $8,500.00 for a Total of $148,989.00

Motion to Approve R-14-149: Moved by Member Smith, Seconded by Member Gabel

Ayes: Smith, Gabel, Kuser, Lyden, Golinski, Scollans, Fitzpatrick

R-14-150 Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with Jason Kasler for Professional Planning Services

Motion to Approve R-14-150: Moved by Member Scollans, Seconded by Member Lyden

Ayes: Scollans, Lyden, Gabel, Kuser, Smith, Golinski, Fitzpatrick

Motion to Approve Minutes of 6-10-14: Moved by Member Smith,
Mayor Andes commented that invitations were sent out to attend this meeting and he should have known that Donna would be a great “draw”. He spoke briefly of the time that he met Donna, of how their friendship grew and how invaluable she has been along each step of his career. The Mayor said he appreciates that and appreciates their friendship very much.

Mayor Andes then read a proclamation in which June 30, 2014 is proclaimed to be “Donna I. Costello Day”. (A copy of that proclamation is attached to these minutes.) The Mayor then read a letter from Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen congratulating Mrs. Costello on her retirement and praising her for her dedication to Denville Township. Mayor Andes added that Congressman Frelinghuysen is sending an American flag that has been flown over the Capitol Building.

Administrator Ward, being a relatively new member of the Municipal team, thanked Clerk Costello for sharing with him the wealth of knowledge of Denville that she has accumulated over the last thirty-four years. Mr. Ward advised that since there is still a huge gap in the State budget Senator Bucco, Assemblyman Bucco and Assemblyman Carroll are all in Trenton and could not attend this evening. He said that they wanted to be sure that Mr. Ward received the resolution that they had prepared. Mr. Ward noted that it is a Joint Legislative Resolution of the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey. Mr. Ward then read the resolution and a copy was presented to Mrs. Costello.

Freeholder Mastrangelo spoke briefly of Clerk Costello’s accomplishments and dedication, read a resolution from the County Freeholders and extended their best wishes for a happy retirement. Freeholders Cabana and Scapicchio were also in attendance. President Fitzpatrick noted that the Freeholders will be holding their August 27th meeting here in Denville, in these chambers.

President Fitzpatrick then called on each of the Council members, the Township Attorney and the Deputy Clerk to share their words of appreciation for Donna’s help along the way and to wish her all good things in her retirement years.

There followed a virtual parade of former elected officials, representatives of various organizations, friends, and residents of Denville, all wishing the best of everything to Donna Costello. There were additional resolutions presented along with personal gifts and many words of disappointment at Clerk Costello’s decision to retire. Frank Costello made some very touching comments about his wife, saying how very
proud he is of her.

Municipal Clerk Donna I. Costello then made some brief comments recalling her interview for this position in 1980. She praised the Township of Denville and stated how honored and proud she is to have served here.

President Fitzpatrick noted that there are refreshments in the Community Room. He asked the former members of the Council, Mayors and Administrators to stay for a few minutes to have some pictures taken with Donna.

President Fitzpatrick noted that it is with a little reluctance that he now asks if anyone wishes to offer a motion to adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AND CELEBRATE: MOVED BY MEMBER KUSER, SECONDED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI.

President Fitzpatrick asked Clerk Costello to do the honors and call the roll.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathleen A. Costello
Deputy Municipal Clerk