The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Golinski. 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 Kathryn Bowditch. Ms. Bowditch noted that this is a non-smoking facility and asked that all cell phones be silenced at this time.

ROLL CALL: GABEL, KUSER, SMITH, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, SCOLLANS, GOLINSKI
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: MAYOR ANDES, ADMINISTRATOR WARD, TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY JANSEN, CFO GUARINO, ENGINEER RUSCHKE AND DPW DIRECTOR EGBERT.

Liaison Reports:
Councilman Scollans reported that he attended the Board of Education meeting. He said that the Board has several new initiatives, one of which is a Family Day that will include the participation of Township residents. Mr. Scollans advised that on that day there will be no homework assigned to the students and no sports practices will be held. He said that there was a discussion on several of the proposed initiatives. Mr. Scollans noted that a meeting will be held on February 23, 2015 to determine what should be done with the old Union Hill School and the meeting will be open to all. Mr. Scollans added that tier school busing and Wi-Fi were also discussed.
Councilman Fitzpatrick advised that the Beautification Committee, like all volunteer groups, is looking for volunteers to join them. He noted that at the last meeting they went over the Mayor’s plans for the improvement of downtown and had some ideas and suggestions which he passed along to the Mayor.
Mr. Fitzpatrick reported that the Chamber will hold its breakfast meeting tomorrow at St. Francis Health Resort at 7:45 a.m.
Mr. Fitzpatrick advised that the de-shoaling of the river has begun and he will forward some pictures to the Council that George Strother took.
Councilwoman Lyden had no report.
Councilwoman Smith reported that the Council attended the Library Board Breakfast on January 24th. She said that the Library is moving forward with the use of technology. Mrs. Smith noted that she regularly attends the Senior Citizen meetings. She added that the Chamber of Commerce is hosting a spaghetti luncheon for the seniors on February 5th. Mrs. Smith advised that she also attended the Mutual Aid Dinner.
Councilman Kuser reported that there is a vacancy on the Board of Adjustment and the Council is looking for a volunteer to fill that position.
Mr. Kuser noted that he attended the Green Sustainability Committee meeting. He advised that Mark London is the Chairman again this year and they have a host of ambitious projects that they want to get done.
Councilman Gabel noted that the Mayor’s Council on People with Challenges is planning a number of activities for the spring. Mr. Gabel reported that the Morris Hills Regional District Board meetings have been snowed out twice. He said that they plan to try again next week to have a meeting.

President Golinski reported that he, too, attended the Mutual Aid Dinner on Saturday evening. He noted that some of the firemen were out shoveling out fire hydrants on their own time and asked that residents follow that example and clear the hydrants in their neighborhoods. President Golinski advised that there will be a meeting tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. for “Project Playground Rebuild” and he urged volunteers to come out to the meeting and join in the project.

**Mayor’s Report:**

Mayor Andes thanked DPW Director John Egbert and his entire staff for the work they did during the last two snow storms. The Mayor noted that the latest edition of the HUB Times is available. Mayor Andes advised that the de-shoaling has been done under the Pocono Road Bridge and before and after pictures demonstrate the big difference after the work was done. He said that the Diamond Spring Road Bridge is next. Mayor Andes stated that he, Administrator Ward and Engineer Ruschke will meet with a representative of the DOT tomorrow to discuss the paving of Route 53. He said that they plan to request special attention to the Fox Hill Road intersection.

**Administrator’s Report:**

Administrator Ward echoed the Mayor’s compliment to John Egbert and his staff. He said that Director Egbert read the storms and managed the staff so well that it saved the Township a good deal of money.

Administrator Ward noted that the Mayor, CFO Guarino and himself have been working diligently on the budget for the last several weeks and plan to present the formal budget to the Council on Monday evening. He said that the hope is that the budget will be in the Council mailboxes by the end of this week in order to give the Council time to go over them on the weekend.

Administrator Ward advised that there will be an Executive Session on Monday evening to discuss the pending litigation involving the RVRSA and Jersey City.

**Correspondence:** All copied to Council.

President Golinski advised that he will now open the public portion of the meeting to cover all matters, with the exception of the DPW budget, the Engineering budget and road resurfacing. He said that those matters will be discussed later this evening and a public portion will be held just for those topics.

**Open Public Portion:** No one wished to be heard.

**Close Public Portion.**

**Matters of Old and/or New Business:**

Councilman Scollans noted that the Board of Education has all of its meetings on YouTube. He asked if the Township has considered putting its meetings on YouTube.
Councilman Fitzpatrick replied that when he was the liaison to Community TV he encouraged that idea. He said that the problem is getting a volunteer who has the time to do it. President Golinski said that it is an interesting idea and the Council should discuss it at a workshop.

**Ordinances for Introduction:**

#02-15 Calendar Year 2015 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14.

**BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:**
Calendar Year 2015 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14

**Be Introduced and Read by Title on First Reading:**

**MOTION TO INTRODUCE:** MOVED BY MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN

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

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:**
Calendar Year 2015 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14

**Be Passed on First Reading.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said ordinance shall be considered for final passage at the meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Denville on 03-03-15 at 7:30 p.m. in the evening, prevailing time, at the municipal building in said Township of Denville at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk be authorized and directed to advertise this ordinance in The Citizen newspaper according to law.

**MOTION TO PASS ON FIRST READING:** MOVED BY MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN.

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

President Golinski asked if anyone from the Council or the public would like to have anything removed from the Consent Agenda. No one responded.

**Consent Agenda:**

R-15-39: Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Year 2015 Morris County Adaptive Recreation Program (McARP).
R-15-40: Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Dog License Fee.
R-15-41: Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Money Due to the Redemption of a Tax Sale Certificate - $1,422.97.
R-15-42: Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Money Due to the Redemption of a Tax Sale Certificate - $1,728.94.

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

Non-Consent Resolutions:
R-15-44: Resolution Authorizing the Kiwanis Club Circus.
MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-44: MOVED BY MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK
AYES: SMITH, FITZPATRICK, KUSER, LYDEN, SCOLLANS, GOLINSKI.
ABSTAIN: GABEL.

R-15-45: Resolution Authorizing Second Extension to Contract with Green Label Landscape Management, LLC.
MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-45: MOVED BY MEMBER KUSER, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: KUSER, LYDEN, GABEL, SMITH, FITZPATRICK, SCOLLANS, GOLINSKI

R-15-46: Resolution to Amend Resolution R-14-274 Requesting Authorization for Expenditure of Affordable Housing Trust Funds on Emergent Affordable Housing Mechanisms Not Included in Municipal Fair Share Plan, in the Form of an Amendment to the Spending Plan Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:97-8.11.
MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-46: MOVED BY MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: SMITH, LYDEN, GABEL, KUSER, FITZPATRICK, SCOLLANS, GOLINSKI.

R-15-47: Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of $15,778.00 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for Administrative Costs.
MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-47: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER SMITH
AYES: SCOLLANS, SMITH, GABEL, KUSER, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, GOLINSKI.

R-15-48: Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application by the Denville Municipal Alliance committee for a Grant for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-48: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: SCOLLANS, LYDEN, GABEL, KUSER, SMITH, FITZPATRICK, GOLINSKI.
R-15-49: Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Fees for Police Services for the Events Held by Community Groups, Civic Organizations and Schools for the Overall Benefit of the Township of Denville.
MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-49: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK.
AYES: SCOLLANS, FITZPATRICK, GABEL, KUSER, SMITH, LYDEN, GOLINSKI.

R-15-50: Resolution Refunding the Payment of Taxes Overpaid Due to Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey.
MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-50: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK
AYES: SCOLLANS, FITZPATRICK, GABEL, KUSER, SMITH, LYDEN, GOLINSKI.

MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-51: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK
AYES: SCOLLANS, FITZPATRICK, GABEL, KUSER, SMITH, LYDEN, GOLINSKI.

R-15-52: Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Money Due to the Redemption of a Tax Sale Certificate - $6,290.15.
MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-52: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN.
AYES: SCOLLANS, LYDEN, GABEL, KUSER, SMITH, FITZPATRICK, GOLINSKI.

MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-53: MOVED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN.
AYES: FITZPATRICK, LYDEN, GABEL, KUSER, SMITH, SCOLLANS, GOLINSKI.

MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-54: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN.
AYES: SCOLLANS, LYDEN, GABEL, KUSER, SMITH, FITZPATRICK, GOLINSKI.

MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-55: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER GABEL.
AYES: SCOLLANS, GABEL, KUSER, SMITH, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, GOLINSKI.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 1-13-15, 1-20-15 AND 1-24-15: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER GABEL.
AYES:  SCOLLANS, GABEL, KUSER, SMITH for 1-13 and 1-24, LYDEN for 1-13 and 1-20, FITZPATRICK for 1-13 and 1-24, GOLINSKI.
ABSTAIN:  SMITH for 1-20, LYDEN for 1-24, FITZPATRICK for 1-20.

Items for Discussion and/or Action:

2015 Budget Discussion
Department of Public Works
  Engineering
  DPW Director John Egbert
  John Ruschke, P.E.

Before beginning the presentation of the budgets for these two (2) departments, President Golinski opened the public portion on these two (2) topics and the general topic of road resurfacing.

Open Public Portion:
Rehana Flessner, 26 Garwood Trail, spoke about the condition of the roads in Lake Arrowhead. She noted that NJ Natural Gas has finished putting in gas lines and asked that consideration be given to paving the full width of many of the roads in the Lake Arrowhead area, as opposed to patching the roads.

Close Public Portion.

Mayor Andes assured Ms. Flessner that the Township is aware of the needs of the Lake Arrowhead residents. He said that it is on the radar and he explained how the roads are analyzed to determine those that are in the most greatest need of repaving.

Administrator Ward gave a detailed explanation of the Township’s efforts to work with NJ Natural Gas to achieve full width repaving of the roads that the gas company worked on. He said that he feels that the gas company will now work with the Township to achieve maximum paving in Lake Arrowhead.

Engineer Ruschke noted that two years ago the road opening ordinance was changed and it now allows the Township to inspect the roads when the gas company is done installing gas lines in order to be sure that the roads are properly restored.

Administrator Ward, by way of introduction to the road discussion, commented that there may be some modifications to the preliminary recommendations on the road list that was presented to the Council on January 13th. He explained that some of the modifications are related to the budget, some to comments received from the Council and some to the fact that the Transportation Trust Fund is suspending all grant funds. Mr. Ward noted that about 30% of our funds for repaving roads are from those grants. Mr. Ward advised that some funds have been reallocated to the Franklin Rd./ Franklin Ave. intersection. Administrator Ward went through the revised road list and advised that the total amount recommended for road resurfacing is $581,000. In addition, Mr.
Ward noted that recommendations are being made to resurface several parking lots using funds from the Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund.

There was a discussion regarding a possible solution for the traffic problem at the Franklin Rd.-Franklin Ave. intersection. Engineer Ruschke said that they will look further into that intersection. He said that some repaving is needed immediately in that area.

Engineer Ruschke noted that roads that were on NJ Natural Gas’s long term list will be looked at again because the gas company has changed its plan to put in gas mains in some of these areas.

Engineer Ruschke advised that he received some conflicting information regarding the Transportation Trust Fund grants. He said that he was told that funds are set aside for applications that were submitted in 2014 but there will be no funds for 2015.

Administrator Ward noted that the roads can be included in a bond ordinance and the funds can be shifted if a grant does come through.

**PowerPoint Presentation**

**Director of Dept. of Public Works John Egbert**

Director Egbert gave a PowerPoint presentation and explained each item as he went along. A copy of the PowerPoint is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Egbert’s 2015 budget requests are as follows:

- Replace cab and chassis for 1987 F800 basin truck.
- Replace 1996 International dump/salter.
- Replace 1998 Dodge mason dump.
- Replace 2002 Jeep Liberty meter reading vehicle.
- New locks for the entire DPW.
- Refurbishing of Morris Knolls water tank.
- Replace Brush Hog Attachment.
- Replace 1990 Case Back Hoe

There was an extensive discussion regarding the condition of the DPW fleet and the toll that the snow storms take on the trucks.

Director Egbert also requested a new stage since the one now in use is 25 years old and he considers it unsafe. He noted that the new stage he is looking to purchase will require only one man to transport it and set it up. Mr. Egbert added that currently six (6) men are needed to set up the stage.

There was a brief discussion concerning meter reading using DPW employees versus an automated meter ready system.

Director Egbert explained that the tennis courts need to be re-done and the plan is to do it in-house using the black top box at a cost of approximately $50,000.

President Golinski thanked Director Egbert for his presentation and praised him and his staff for the fine work that they do for Denville. He also complimented Mr. Egbert on his fine management skills.

**Engineering Budget – Road Resurfacing**
Engineer John Ruschke noted that the road resurfacing has already been discussed in detail. He said that the downtown streetscape is another item in the budget. Mr. Ruschke advised that a grant application has been submitted and the Township has put money aside for its contribution to the project if the grant is awarded. Engineer Ruschke advised that funds have been put in the budget for miscellaneous drainage issues and flood mitigation. He said that the Army Corp of Engineers is studying and evaluating Denville and there is a possibility that the Township may receive funding from the Army Corp. Mr. Ruschke advised that a conceptual design for bringing the Cook’s Pond dam into compliance with DEP regulations has been submitted and the Township is waiting for feedback from the DEP.

President Golinski thanked Engineer Ruschke for his presentation.

Director John Egbert addressed the sewer utility budget. Mr. Egbert requested that $85,000 be designated in the budget for a sewer camera. He said that the one currently in use is 25 years old and there are no parts available for it. Mr. Egbert noted that the camera is used for both sewers and storm drains. He added that there is a $25,000 item that is in the budget each year for improvements to the pump stations.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathleen A. Costello
Deputy Township Clerk