TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 17, 2015

The Meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by President Golinski. The Salute to the Flag was recited, followed by an Invocation given by Councilman Scollans. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read by Township Clerk Kathy Bowditch. Ms. Bowditch advised that this is a non-smoking facility and asked that all cell phones be silenced at this time.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Gabel, Kuser, Smith, Lyden, Fitzpatrick, Scollans and President Golinski.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Andes, Administrator Ward and Township Attorney Jansen.

LIAISON REPORTS:
Councilman Scollans reported that the Deer Management Committee is requesting that the Council consider a new five year contract with United Bow Hunters of NJ. Mr. Scollans noted that the Senior Social corned beef dinner on Sunday was a great success. Councilman Scollans advised that he attended the Board of Education meeting and mentioned various items that were discussed. He said that the preliminary budget was presented. Councilman Scollans urged the members of the Council to attend the PRIDE Dinner on Friday, March 20th.

Councilman Fitzpatrick reported that the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a “Hop Into Denville” extravaganza on April 4th. He advised that George Strother is putting together another Rockaway River Cleanup to be held on May 16th and volunteers are needed. Councilman Fitzpatrick noted that the residents of the Fox Hill area have taken the initiative to try and restore the Fox Hill Playground.

Councilwoman Lyden noted that the Trail Committee will be meeting soon to begin the process of applying for a grant to extend the trail system beyond Muriel Hepner Park.

Councilman Gabel reported that the Morris Hills Regional School Board met last evening and presented its initial budget. Mr. Gabel noted that the Mayor’s Council for People with Challenges is actively planning their schedule of spring events.

Councilman Kuser advised that the Morris County Open Space Committee will hold their meeting on Thursday. He noted that the Green Sustainability Committee is very actively working on projects for the schools such as composting and recycling. As liaison to the Board of Adjustment, Mr. Kuser thanked the Council for filling the Board vacancy so quickly.

Councilwoman Smith noted that there was a great turnout for the Senior Social and the corned beef was outstanding. Mrs. Smith reported that Tax Assessor Ginny Klein and Ernie Del Guercio of Appraisal Systems will be attending the Senior Citizens general meeting to discuss the revaluation.

President Golinski complimented the Recreation Committee on the fine job they did with the Senior Social. He noted that, as liaison to the Local Assistance Board, he met with Deirdre Rock and she assured him that all is going well.
MAYOR'S REPORT:
Mayor Andes said that he has nothing to report but he wishes everyone a Happy St. Patrick’s Day.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
Administrator Ward reported that Barbara Beatty, Denville’s most senior employee, will be retiring on April 17, 2015 after having served Denville for 40 years and 4 months. Mr. Ward advised that a contract with the United Bow Hunters of NJ is being drafted and it may contain some minor modifications. He said that the plan is to have it on an April agenda.
The Administrator noted that the Township is interested in installing a charging station at the Church St. parking lot for individuals who drive electric vehicles. He said that he will be meeting with a vendor, Charge Point, to discuss their service.
Administrator Ward stated that he and Police Chief Wagner were made aware of a serious safety concern at the Denville train station by NJ transit. He said that it involves commuters ducking under the safety gate to catch their train. NJ Transit plans to have a heavier Transit Police presence at the station and has asked for enforcement assistance from the Denville Police Department. Mr. Ward added that NJ Transit will be doing a public education campaign locally.
There were several comments concerning safety issues with NJ Transit and the train station.

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

MATTERS OF OLD AND/OR NEW BUSINESS:
Councilman Scollans stated that he would like to see a schedule for workshops so that, if someone wants to have something on a workshop they will be able to get a date, based on the schedule.
President Golinski explained that the way it works now is that the Council President determines the agendas for the workshops and regular meetings. He gave his criteria for putting a matter on an agenda.
Councilman Scollans reiterated his opinion concerning an itinerary.
President Golinski replied that he will revisit Mr. Scollans’ request and try to give him some more specific answers.
Councilman Scollans noted that a number of towns are turning their Recreation Committees over to volunteers in order to save the town money.
Mayor Andes explained how Denville’s Recreation Department works and noted that we have one paid employee who runs Cook’s Pond and all summer programs, with the aid of volunteers. He said that programs involving sports are run by volunteer organizations.
President Golinski thanked Mr. Scollans for his input but added that he does not feel the need to make it a priority on an agenda. He said that we have one paid person running our Recreation Dept. and he runs a safe and effective program.
Councilman Fitzpatrick noted for the record that he was traveling at the time the budget was introduced and wants to say that he supports the budget. Councilwoman Smith suggested that a resolution be drafted by our Attorney, with the input of the Public Safety Director, in support of our Police Department and its staff. It was agreed that Mrs. Smith will work with Administrator Ward to draft an appropriate resolution.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR ADOPTION

#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.

President Golinski noted that the public hearing on this ordinance was opened on March 3, 2015 and continued to this evening. He asked if anyone from the public wished to be heard. No one responded.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING.

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 final Reading and that a Notice of Final Passage be Published in the 03-25-2015 issue of The Citizen Newspaper.

MOTION TO ADOPT: MOVED BY MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY MEMBER GABEL

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

President Golinski read the titles of each resolution on the Consent Agenda and asked if anyone from the public or the Council would like to have anything removed from the Consent Agenda. No one responded.

CONSENT AGENDA:


R-15-79 Resolution Authorizing the Refund of a Building Permit Fee in the Amount of $510.00.

R-15-80 Resolution Authorizing the Refund of a COAH Development Fee in the Amount of $434.00.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER SMITH

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

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:

R-15-81 Resolution Authorizing Raffle License in the Township of Denville.

MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-81: MOVED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: FITZPATRICK, LYDEN, KUSER, SMITH, SCOLLANS, GOLINSKI
ABSTAIN: GABEL

R-15-82 Resolution Refunding the Payment of Taxes Overpaid due to Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey Totaling $14,678.55.
MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-82: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: SCOLLANS, LYDEN, GABEL, KUSER, SMITH, FITZPATRICK, GOLINSKI

R-15-83 Resolution Authorizing the Transfers of Calendar Year 2014 Budget Appropriations.
MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-83: MOVED BY MEMBER KUSER, SECONDED BY MEMBER GABEL
AYES: KUSER, GABEL, SMITH, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, SCOLLANS, GOLINSKI

R-15-84 Resolution Rejecting Bids Received for Janitorial Services and Granting Permission to Bid for Janitorial Services with Revised Specifications.
MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-84: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER SMITH
AYES: SCOLLANS, SMITH, GABEL, KUSER, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, GOLINSKI

MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-85: MOVED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK, SECONDED BY MEMBER SMITH
Discussion: Councilman Kuser asked if there has been a revision of the fee schedule since last year when we had a private citizen holding a fireworks display. Administrator Ward replied that there are fees involved but they have not been increased since last year. He added that the launching area is fully compliant with the Fire Prevention regulations.
AYES: FITZPATRICK, SMITH, GABEL, KUSER, LYDEN, SCOLLANS, GOLINSKI

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF 2-17-15 AND 3-3-15: MOVED BY MEMBER GABEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS
AYES: GABEL, SCOLLANS, KUSER for 3-3-15, SMITH for 3-3-15, LYDEN for 2-17-15, FITZPATRICK for 2-17-15, GOLINSKI
ABSTAIN: KUSER for 2-17-15, SMITH for 2-17-15, LYDEN for 3-3-15, and FITZPATRICK for 3-3-15
MOTION TO ADJOURN: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: UNANIMOUS

The Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathleen A. Costello
Deputy Township Clerk