TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 6, 2015

The Meeting was called to order by Acting Clerk Kathryn M. Bowditch. The Salute to
the Flag was recited followed by an Invocation given by Pastor Jonathan Huffman of
New Hope Church.
Acting Clerk Bowditch read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement and reminded all
present that this is a non-smoking facility. Ms. Bowditch asked that all cell phones be
silenced at this time.
ROLL CALL: GABEL, KUSER, SMITH, FITZPATRICK, GOLINSKI, SCOLLANS
ABSENT: LYDEN
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: MAYOR ANDES, ADMINISTRATOR WARD, TOWNSHIP
ATTORNEY JANSEN AND JUDGE SMITH
Acting Clerk Bowditch advised that a number of dignitaries have called and extended
good wishes for the New Year. She noted that Senator Bucco is unable to attend but
sends his wishes for a Happy New Year as well. Ms. Bowditch added that Freeholders
Scapicchio, Krickus and Lyon also extended their wishes for a Happy New Year.

Acting Clerk Bowditch called for nominations for the position of Council President.
Councilman Fitzpatrick nominated Councilman Golinski and Councilman Scollans
seconded the nomination.
Ms. Bowditch asked if there were any further nominations and hearing none, closed the
nominations.
ROLL CALL ON THE NOMINATION OF COUNCILMAN GOLINSKI FOR THE
POSITION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:
AYES: FITZPATRICK, SCOLLANS, GABEL, KUSER, SMITH, GOLINSKI
ABSENT: LYDEN
Acting Clerk Bowditch administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Golinski.
Councilman Golinski took his seat as Council President.

Council President Golinski made a few brief remarks, a copy of which is attached to
these minutes.

Councilman Fitzpatrick spoke briefly about his tenure as Council President. He stated
that it has been a great two years serving as Council President and he wants to thank
this Council and Administration for all that has been accomplished during that time.
Mr. Fitzpatrick commented on many of the initiatives, some of which began with
Councilman Kuser in his Council Presidency, such as the property maintenance
ordinance. He went on to mention the strides that have been taken in flood mitigation,
the rebuilding of the Valley View Firehouse, the installation of turf fields and, most
importantly, the revitalizing program for downtown Denville. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that he
thinks becoming a part of Main Street USA will go a long way to reaching that goal. He
noted that he has particularly fond memories of recognizing Boy Scouts who earned
their Eagle Scout award and the volunteers that do so much for our town.
Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that the most impactful and memorable occasion during the past two years
was the nearly two hour long, official Council meeting where Denville said goodbye to a long-
serving, retiring Township Clerk, Donna Costello. He said that the meeting was dominated by a
“Public Portion” of countless residents, workers and former officials bidding Donna a fond
farewell and extending best wishes for a happy retirement. Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that the
occasion was followed by the monumental task of selecting a new Township Clerk to replace
someone with so much experience and knowledge.
Mr. Fitzpatrick explained the process that was followed to select a new Clerk, beginning with a
sub-committee that conducted countless interviews and ended up with just a few potential
candidates.
He said that, proudly enough, all three final candidates were internal Denville employees who
clearly outshined the rest. Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that tonight we will swear in Kathryn M.
Bowditch as the new Township Clerk and he will be honored years down the line to look back
and be privileged to have been the Council President that presided over her selection. As she
and Deputy Clerk Kathy Costello are already doing an outstanding job. Thank you and I look
forward to continuing to work hard for Denville.

Council President Golinski recognized the arrival of Assemblyman Bucco and thanked
him for his service to our State.

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

State of the Municipality Address – Mayor Thomas W. Andes

Before beginning his address, Mayor Andes expressed his gratitude to Assemblyman
Bucco and Senator Bucco for always responding when he calls and asks for their
assistance. He said that Denville is very fortunate to have them.
Mayor Andes then gave his State of the Municipality Address, a copy of which is
attached to these minutes.
During his Address, Mayor Andes paused to note the arrival of Freeholder Doug
Cabana.
At the conclusion of the Mayor’s Address, President Golinski commented that it has
been a productive year and thanked Mayor Andes for his leadership.

President Golinski read the resolutions that compile the Consent Agenda and asked if
anyone from the public or the Council wished to have anything removed from the
consent Agenda. No one responded.

CONSENT AGENDA:
R-15-02 Resolution Designating the Township of Denville Municipal Council
Meeting Dates for the Year 2015.
R-15-03 Resolution Designating Legal Depositories for Public Monies for 2015
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14.
Resolution Appointing Custodian of Petty Cash Fund for the Recreation Department for the Year 2015.

Resolution Authorizing Tax Assessor to Enter into Tax Appeal Settlements on Behalf of the Township of Denville for 2015.

Resolution Establishing Interest Penalty charges on Delinquent Taxes for the Year 2015 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-67

Resolution Appointing Municipal Council Liaison Representatives to Various Committees, Boards and Commission within the Township of Denville.

Resolution Extending Advice and Consent of the Township of Denville Municipal Council to the Mayor’s Appointments to Township Committees, Boards and Commission.

Resolution Designating Year 2015 Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for the Township of Denville.

Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract for Municipal Attorney Services for the Year 2015.

Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract for Special Legal Counsel Services for the Year 2015.

Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract for Special Labor Counsel Services for the Year 2015.


Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Grant Research and Grant Application Consulting Services for the Year 2015.

Resolution Appointing Kathryn M. Bowditch as Municipal Clerk.

Resolution Authorizing Appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract for Auditing Services for the Year 2015.

Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract for Municipal Public Defender Services for the Year 2015.

Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract for Bond Counsel Services for the Year 2015.

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

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:
R-15-21 Resolution Authorizing Temporary Budget for the Year 2015.

MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-21: MOVED BY MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY MEMBER GABEL
AYES: SMITH, GABEL, KUSER, FITZPATRICK, SCOLLANS, GOLINSKI
ABSENT: LYDEN
Resolution Reappointing Kathleen Scollans as Registrar of Vital Statistics.

MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-22: MOVED BY MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK
AYES: SMITH, FITZPATRICK, GABEL, KUSER, GOLINSKI
RECEIVE: SCOLLANS
ABSENT: LDYDEN

Mayor Andes administered the Oath of Allegiance to the newly appointed Municipal Clerk, Kathryn M. Bowditch.

Mayor Andes and Municipal Clerk Bowditch then administered the Oath of Allegiance to John P. Jansen, Esq. as Municipal Attorney.
Mayor Andes asked Judge Smith to come forward for a ceremonial swearing-in since he must be sworn in by a Superior Court Judge.
The following is a list of appointees who were not present and will be sworn in at another time:

  James LaSala, Esq., Municipal Prosecutor
  Clifford Weininger, Esq., Municipal Public Defender
  Township Engineer John Ruschke, P.E.
  Township Planner Jason Kasler, P.P., A.I.C.P.

President Golinski then asked that Mayor Andes and Clerk Bowditch administer the Oath to the members of the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and all other Appointees who are present.
Clerk Bowditch administered the oath.

President Golinski thanked all the volunteers for their talented and dedicated service to Denville.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: MOVED BY MEMBER KUSER SECONDED BY MEMBER SMITH.
AYES: UNANIMOUS
ABSENT: LDYDEN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathleen A. Costello
Deputy Municipal Clerk