TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2015

The Meeting was called to order by President Golinski at 7:30 p.m. The Cub Scouts of Den 7, Pack 31 led the Salute to the Flag. President Golinski thanked the Cub Scouts, Julian, Zach, Jake and Liam for coming tonight. Deputy Township Clerk Kathy Costello read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement and reminded all present that we are in a non-smoking facility. She then asked that all cell phones be silenced at this time.

ROLL CALL: GABEL, KUSER, FITZPATRICK, SCOLLANS, GOLINSKI
LATE: SMITH, LYDEN
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: ADMINISTRATOR WARD, FIRE CHIEF SHARPLES, POLICE CHIEF WAGNER AND MANY MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, BOTH OFFICERS AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES.

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

PRESENTATIONS

New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police
New Jersey State Chiefs Accreditation Certificate
Denville Township Police Department

Chief Christopher Wagner came forward and introduced Mr. Harry Delgado, Accreditation Program Manager for the NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police.

Mr. Delgado spoke briefly, outlining the process by which a Police Department may achieve Accreditation. A copy is attached to these minutes.
At the conclusion of his comments, Mr. Delgado presented Chief Wagner with the Denville Police Department’s Certificate of Accreditation.
President Golinski congratulated Chief Wagner and the entire Police Department, noting that none of this was a surprise. He said that everyone in Denville is aware that the Department exceeds all standards and expectations. President Golinski stated that there have been numerous occasions when the Police Department helped him and his family.

Chief Wagner then spoke about how the Department worked towards achieving this certification. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Councilwoman Lyden arrived at 7:56 p.m.
Chief Wagner then presented a plaque to Captain Paul Nigro recognizing his initiative, persistence and hard work towards achieving accreditation.

**Proposed Preliminary 2015 Road Resurfacing List**
**Administrator Ward**

Administrator Ward advised that it is just the beginning of the budget process and the road list would not normally be distributed to the Council at this point. He said that the Auditor is coming in next week to do the annual financial statement, which is used to determine the revenues that may be used in this year’s budget. Mr. Ward emphasized that the road list is preliminary and, based upon what the revenues are and how the overall budget is projected, Administration may come in with a modified recommendation. Administrator Ward noted that the Police Chief and the Fire Chief will both be presenting their capital budgets on Saturday, January 24th. He added that, provided the Council approves the resolution establishing a budget meeting on Tuesday, January 27th, the DPW Director and Engineer Ruschke will be presenting their capital budgets at that time. Mr. Ward advised that the roads can be discussed at that meeting. He said that the ratings on these roads all came from calculations made by the Township Engineer.

Administrator Ward announced that Tax Assessor Ginny Klein informed him that our ratable base has been certified. He added that, since he started working here, our ratable base has decreased but this year we are seeing an increase of $2.7 million.

Administrator Ward distributed a revised copy of a memo previously provided to the Council members, outlining the proposed road resurfacing for 2015. The Administrator spoke briefly about the Township’s application for grants to resurface roads. He explained that the State’s Transportation Trust Fund is having a funding crisis and there is no guarantee that the Township will receive grant money for the Morris Ave./Savage Rd. application. Administrator Ward noted that the funding for the Downtown Streetscape Improvements (Phase II) comes from the US Dept. of Transportation and is not affected by the financial crisis of the State’s Transportation Trust Fund.

Mr. Ward noted that roads which were to be resurfaced in 2013 but were delayed due to gas mains being installed will be resurfaced in 2015 since the funds were set aside at the time that the gas mains were installed. He said that they have been trying to negotiate a mutually beneficial arrangement regarding sharing the cost of resurfacing but NJ Natural Gas is not interested, so far, in doing that.

Councilwoman Smith arrived at 8:11 p.m.

Administrator Ward commented on each of the five (5) categories of roads:

A. Pending Grant Applications
B. Roads on Multi-Year Schedules
C. New Roads for Consideration
D. Open Space Trust Fund/Recreation
E. Other Roads Considered but Not Recommended (At this time.)
Mr. Ward advised that he and Chief Wagner met with officials from the NJ Dept. of Transportation and were told that the State is looking into resurfacing Route 53 from Mt. Tabor at the mile marker #2 all the way to the center of Denville. There was a discussion regarding the triangle at the Franklin Road/Franklin Avenue intersection. It was suggested that something must be done about the triangle because of the heavy traffic flow at that intersection. The discussion included a suggestion to repair potholes this year and apply for a grant next year.

President Golinski asked the Council for comments on how they would like to proceed with regard to the Franklin Road/Franklin Avenue resurfacing.

Councilwoman Smith stated that she would not like to see it patched and then torn up again next year. She said that she would like to see a solution to the problem rather than put a band-aid on it.

Councilman Scollans commented that if there is the possibility of a grant next year, we should repair it this year.

Councilman Kuser noted that it is a heavily traveled road. He said that he does not think it should be put off until next year.

Councilman Gabel noted that, having heard Mr. Ward advise that State grants are becoming more difficult to obtain, he thinks this road should be addressed sooner rather than later.

Councilman Fitzpatrick said that he would like to hear further recommendations from the Engineer and then the Council will be better able to make a determination.

Councilwoman Lyden agreed that more information is needed.

Administrator Ward responded that he will speak with the Engineer before the budget meeting and ask him to create a map by section and have him apply a price to each section.


MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-23: MOVED BY MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK.

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK.

AYES: UNANIMOUS.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathleen A. Costello
Deputy Township Clerk