

**TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS
DENNISVILLE, NJ
FEBRUARY 07, 2012**

7:00 P.M. (PREVAILING TIME) TWP. COMMITTEE WORKSESSION MEETING

Mayor Glembocki opened the meeting in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act requirements.

Mayor Glembocki presided with Committeemembers: DiCicco, Murphy, Germanio and Teefy present.

Also present were the Municipal Auditor, Leon Costello and the Chief Finance Officer, Glenn Clarke.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS:

Leon Costello, Municipal Auditor and Glenn Clarke, Chief Finance Officer were present and reviewed some 2012 Budget issues with the Committee. Mr. Costello indicated that if you allowed the appropriations to remain the same as last year and with no new revenues there would be a definite tax increase of the amount allowed by law, approximately 2.2¢ with the need to cut an estimated \$350,000.00 unless the Township had a successful referendum.

Deputy Mayor Teefy questioned how we got to this point and Mr. Costello commented on the practice of Deferring the School Tax. He stated that it is a practice that he always recommends against, however, the Township Committee has done so in an effort to avoid a tax increase. Deputy Mayor Teefy, Committeeman Murphy and Committeeman Germanio commented on the practice of Deferring the School Tax.

Mr. Costello commented on the Budget time-frame and recommended introducing at the March 20th Township Committee Meeting and having the Public Hearing on May 5th.

The Committee discussed a Budget Worksession and instructed the Clerk to schedule one for Monday, February 13th at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Glembocki asked if anyone from the Public had any questions regarding the budget.

Pete Babbitt of North West Dennis, commented on the work that needs to be done on the Ludlam School Building and costs associated with said repairs.

Mike Fossett of 202 Hagen Road commented on the Traffic Study, the Master Plan and Maser's billing.

The Township Engineer commented on the Traffic Study and the Master Plan.

Bobbie Babbitt of North West Dennis, commented on Maser billing, the support she received from Ruth Blessing, her tenure as the Curator of the Museum, the hard work she and her volunteers put into the Museum, projects she had with the school and scouts and her concerns over not being re-appointed.

Jesse Gery of Kings Highway, South Seaville, commented on his concerns with the Engineers relationship to Maser and his selling his firm to them.

Mr. Previti, the Municipal Engineer, commented on the Plan Endorsement Process and how he became familiar with Maser thru a joint grant Dennis, Upper & Middle had and how he eventually sold his firm to Maser.

Township Solicitor, Mr. Donohue, indicated that there was no conflict.

The Committee discussed the following:

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND PROJECT UPDATES:

Administration & Finance:

The Committee discussed the proposal from Allan Rotto Consultants, regarding their reviewing the Township's monthly telephone billing charges to find errors. The Committee instructed the Clerk to place a resolution on the next agenda.

The Committee discussed the correspondence from the Dennisville Historic Home Owners Association (DHHOA) regarding the Christmas Tree located at the Museum and health concerns for the tree and a proposal from Arbor Care to help the tree. The Committee requested that the Clerk have the DHHOA President attend the next meeting to discuss this matter further and answer any questions that may come up.

The Committee discussed the Township's Health Benefits with the State Health Benefits Program. Deputy Mayor Teefy indicated that they were interested in having the Township's Insurance Representative, Mark Senior, look into obtaining quotes outside the State Health Benefits for equal insurance. He stated that the Township needed to forward a letter to the State authorizing the release of the claims information. The Solicitor indicated that a resolution was needed to authorize this and the Committee instructed the Clerk to place one on the next agenda.

Public Works & Engineering:

The Committee discussed the Federal Road Sign Standards and the Public Works Department's Road Sign Management Plan. The Engineer indicated that the Plan should include creating the Plan. The Solicitor indicated that the Plan should be adopted by resolution and the Committee instructed the Clerk to place a resolution adopting the required Plan on the next agenda

The Committee discussed the correspondence from N.J. Bureau of Landfill and Hazardous Waste Permitting regarding the Terminated Sanitary Landfill NJPDES – DGW Reports. The Engineer indicated that the Clerk should notify the lab of the new required paperwork that must be submitted with the reports.

The Committee discussed the correspondence from NJDOT regarding Route 47/347 and Route 49/50 Corridor Enhancements, Operational/ITS Improvements.

RESOLUTIONS:

Proclaiming March 2, 2012 “Read Across America Day”, in Dennis Township.

ORDINANCES:

Nothing Pending.

Motion was made by DiCicco, seconded by Teefy, that the meeting be adjourned.

ATTEST _____ ATTEST _____
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk Eugene L. Glembocki, Mayor