

**TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS
DENNISVILLE, NJ
FEBRUARY 13, 2012**

**5:30 P.M. (PREVAILING TIME) TWP. COMMITTEE BUDGET
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 was the Municipal Auditor, Leon Costello.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS:

Leon Costello, Municipal Auditor was present and gave a power-point review of the 2012 Budget. Mr. Costello indicated that currently the budget is a tax increase of the allowable 2.5¢ with the need for an additional 3.4¢, which to get would require a Levy Cap Referendum.

Mike Donohue, Township Solicitor, commented on the process for a Levy Cap Referendum

Mrs. Sarah Turner questioned the Defer School Tax and Mr. Costello commented on the law that allows this and indicated that he strongly opposes using it.

Larry Stevens, Chairman of the Planning Board, commented on the wonderful place Dennis Township is and how we have the lowest property taxes. He stated that we must all work together for the betterment of the community.

John Turner questioned where the proceeds of the sale of the liquor license were and Mr. Costello reviewed on his computer where those funds were used and indicated that he believed that the Committee did not Defer the School Tax for 2 years due to the proceeds for the liquor license.

Ed Kelly of Hagen Road commented on looking at a comparison for the trash pickup and the Planning Board's review of the Master Plan.

Committeeman DiCicco commented on the existing draft of the Master Plan revision and indicated that it needed to be amended to reflect the concerns regarding the density issue.

Mike Fossett of 202 Hagen Road commented on the Traffic Study, Maser's billing and the status of the grant funding and the issue of Builders Remedy lawsuit.

Bobbie Babbitt of North West Dennis, commented on the Master Plan, Maser billing, the review of the town centers and the costs of the Engineering services.

Jim Waltz of Ocean View, questioned what happens if the Referendum is rejected and if laying people off was possible.

The Committee indicated that as they move forward with the budget issue they wanted to keep their options open and questioned the Solicitor on what steps they must do incase they decide to move forward with a Referendum.

Township Solicitor, Mr. Donohue, indicated that this was advertised as a worksession and that no formal action could be taken, therefore, the Committee must schedule a Special Meeting to adopt a resolution to authorize the required advertisement if they were contemplating a Levy Cap Referendum.

The Committee instructed that Clerk to advertise for a Special Meeting on Friday, February 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. Committeeman Murphy advised the Mayor he would be unable to attend.

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

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