

**TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS
DENNISVILLE, NJ
FEBRUARY 17, 2012**

5:30 P.M. TWP. COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

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

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

Motion was made by Teefy, seconded by DiCicco, with 4 ayes and 1 absent (Murphy), that the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-38

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FORWARD A LETTER TO THE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE CLAIM INFORMATION FOR DENNIS TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to explore possible cost savings associated with the Health Benefits Program afforded to the employees; and

WHEREAS, the Township's insurance consultant, Mark Senior of Marsh & McLennan Agency, LLC, has advised the Committee that to explore other options and rates he requires a "claims experience" from the Township's current provider, the State Health Benefits Program; and

WHEREAS, to obtain said "claims experience" the Mayor must forward a letter of request to the State Health Benefits Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that this Governing Body does hereby authorize and direct the Mayor to forward a letter to the State Health Benefits Program requesting that the Township's claims information be released to Mark Senior of Marsh & McLennan Agency, LLC.

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

Motion was made by Germanio, seconded by Teefy, with 3 ayes, 1 nay (DiCicco) and 1 absent (Murphy), that the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-39

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO PUBLISH ANY AND ALL REQUIRED DISPLAY ADVERTISEMENTS TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL FINANCE BOARD'S DIRECTIVE – LOCAL FINANCE NOTICE 2012-5, PERTAINING TO A REFERENDUM TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL TAX LEVY CAP

WHEREAS, in the course of the Township Committees' review of the 2012 Municipal Budget they believe it may be in the best interest of the Township to proceed with a Referendum to Exceed the Municipal Tax Levy Cap; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services has issued Local Finance Notice No. 2012-5, which details the Municipal Levy Cap Referendum Procedures; and

WHEREAS, said directive requires the Municipal Clerk of any municipality that may be considering a levy cap referendum to have one or more display advertisements published by February 22, 2012.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that this Governing Body does hereby authorize and direct the Municipal Clerk to publish any and all required display advertisements to comply with Local Finance Notice No. 2012-5.

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

Motion was made by Germanio, seconded by Teefy, with 4 ayes and 1 absent (Murphy), that providing that proper vouchers have been filed and that funds are available, the following bills are authorized to be paid:

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

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| 034339-Twp of Dennis Payroll Account | 57,725.91 |
| 034340-State of NJ Pensions/Benefits | 2,000.00 |

Motion was made by DiCicco, seconded by Teefy, that the meeting be open for public comment.

Joe Jones of 2044 Route 9, indicated that no one wants their taxes to be raised and commented on looking into perhaps having a special trash tax that people pay that want their trash collected.

Mayor Glembocki agreed it was worth looking into and he reiterated that adopting the resolution tonight does not mean there will definitely be a referendum. He indicated that the Committee will continue to explore other possibilities such as that.

Committeeman DiCicco indicated that Mr. Jones was on the right track that trash needs to be looked at and in his opinion, not normal residences, but home occupations and commercial businesses and schools.

Mr. Jones commented on being lucky regarding a savings he is realizing on some of his medication.

Patty Sutton of 563 Petersburg Road, indicated she was here as a resident and asked the Committee if they truly believed that the voters would pass a tax increase. She indicated that they deal daily with the public complaining about their taxes, and that she believes it would not pass. She questioned whether or not it would be worth the cost associated with a referendum especially with the financial state the Township was already in. Mrs. Sutton questioned what the percentage of people would have to vote to pass a referendum.

Mr. Donohue indicated that he believes it to be a simple majority.

Jim Waltz of 2416 Route 9, Ocean View, indicated that his observation is that if you are going to put a tax or levy on the residents you need to keep in mind that you have year round residents and part-time residents and that there is a disparity.

Mike Fossett of Hagen Road questioned what the next moves will be, dates of meetings, list of cuts, amount of increase.

Committeeman DiCicco indicated that one of the risks with a referendum is you have to compile a lists of cuts and if the referendum is voted down than the cuts are done and irrefutable with no level of negotiation therefore you loose your flexibility and that is one of his concerns.

Mr. Fossett questioned if a list had been started and what the cuts may be to equal the budget out.

Committeeman Germanio indicated that a list had been started and preliminary talks with Mr. Costello.

Mr. Fossett questioned dates for meetings and Committeeman Germanio indicated that Committee Members would be meeting individually with Mr. Costello next week to try and get legitimate cuts and see how much they can close the gap.

Deputy Mayor Teefy indicated that everyone cannot meet with Mr. Costello at the same time and that they can only go 2 at a time to discuss ideas for cuts. Committeeman Germanio indicated that 3 Committee Members would constitutes a quorum.

Mr. Fossett asked if there will be something to vote on in one month or two. Committeeman DiCicco indicated that if they do it right they hope to get the number down really low.

Deputy Mayor Teefy indicated he hopes to have a number by next month and Committeeman Germanio indicated that his goal is 0 and that it may be un-realistic.

Mr. Waltz asked Committeeman DiCicco to clarify his comments regarding the trash.

Committeeman DiCicco indicated that currently there is no segregation and the Township basically picks up everyone's trash and one of his suggestions is to limit it and pick up trash from residences only and home businesses, commercial businesses and the schools use other means or pay extra for it. He stated that if someone is running a home business that does things for pets and puts out pet hair and litter and he indicated that the Public Works guys have indicated to him that businesses can put out enormous amounts of trash. Committeeman DiCicco stated that in good times you can look the other way and times are not good.

Mr. Waltz indicated that he believed that commercial businesses were regulated with what they could and could not put out and what the Public Works would pick up.

Committeeman DiCicco indicated that there maybe, but from his experience some do.

Mr. Waltz stated that he operates a home business and he puts out no trash and that Committeeman DiCicco statement was too generalized.

Committeeman DiCicco commended Mr. Waltz for taking responsibility and not putting business trash out, but that he speculates that some do not.

Rosemarie Essig, 29 Halbe Lane, Clermont indicated that she ran a business in Cape May and they did not take any business trash, you were required to hire a private hauler.

Committeeman DiCicco indicated that situation needed to be evaluated and all the facts learned.

Mrs. Essig indicated that in Cape May they took nothing from businesses, that you had to hire a private hauler and it was very expensive.

Mayor Glembocki stated that looking into something like what Mr. Jones suggested was realistic.

Mrs. Essig shared that another revenue that Cape May generated was charging businesses a per square foot charge for use of the area outside a business.

There being no further comment from those present, motion was made by Germanio, seconded by Teefy, that the public comment portion be closed.

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

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