

**TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS
DENNISVILLE, NJ
MARCH 27, 2012**

6:00 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, Murphy, Germanio and Teefy present.

Mayor Glembocki indicated that we are here this evening to introduced the 2012 Municipal Budget. He requested that the Township Auditor, Leon Costello of Ford Scott and Associates comment and explain the 2012 Municipal Budget.

Mr. Costello indicated that tonight we were introducing the 2012 Municipal Budget and that it was not complete, however, we needed to get it introduced to comply with the required time-frame. Mr. Costello stated that there has been many meetings with the Committee meeting individually with him as well as many phone conversations. He indicated that he has applied all the proposed cuts to get the budget to were we can introduce it and as introduced it is a 2.5¢ tax increase which is the maximum that the municipal can do. Mr. Costello indicated that the budget has cuts throughout and that the Committee would have to take other actions such as adopting ordinances etc. to assure these cuts. He reiterated that the budget is a 2.5¢ tax increase and that it adheres to the law. Mr. Costello stated that there will be additional discussions, however we need to get the budget “on the table” and up to Trenton. He also stated that it will be an on-going process all year to get things in shape for next years budget. Mr. Costello advised that we need three (3) Committee Members to vote yes on the introduction so that we can move forward.

Motion was made by Teefy, seconded by DiCicco, with 5 ayes and no nays, the meeting was open for public comment.

Joe Jones of Route 9 in Clermont commented on Deputy Mayor Teefy’s comments from a previous meeting regarding he and Committeeman Germanio only having been in office for 51 days. He stated that unfortunately they will be blamed for the tax increase. Mr. Jones stated that we are lucky to live here and he commented on the excellent job all the municipal employees do and indicated that he hopes that there are no cuts in any of the departments.

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

Motion was made by Germanio, seconded by Murphy, (Committeeman DiCicco indicated that the budget needs work and that they can discuss it in public as a group and he anticipates being able to cut some more) with 5 ayes and no nays the following resolution was adopted:

Committeeman DiCicco indicated that he has already given his comments.

Committeeman Murphy indicated that he had no comment at this time.

Committeeman Germanio indicated that he echoes Committeeman DiCicco.

Deputy Mayor Teefy agreed that it is good that the budget has been introduced and that everyone can start working on it together. He commented on the draw-backs to the Sunshine Law and indicated that we can now look to make possible changes.

Mayor Glembocki that the Committee for their hard work that has been put into the Budget. He commented on how difficult the budget process is and making the cuts and how it affects the Township and the employees. Mayor Glembocki indicated that he is thankful that they will not have to follow-thru with the referendum. He indicated that they were not done yet and commented on 2013 and advised the employees that were present that everyone must be very frugal as we move forward and he thanked them for the work they do.

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

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