

**TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS  
DENNISVILLE, NJ  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

**6:30 P.M. (PREVAILING TIME) TWP. COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING**

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

Mayor Murphy requested that the roll call and flag salute be carried over from the Board of Health Meeting (Germanio, Teefy, DiCicco, O'Connor and Murphy present).

Mayor Murphy indicated that we have items for discussion.

The Township Solicitor, Jeff April, explained a recent Court decision regarding Curfew for Minors and indicated that a parents rights trump the municipalities. The Committee discussed this issue and asked the Solicitor various questions. The Solicitor recommended that the Township repeal Chapter 83 of the Code of the Township of Dennis entitled "Curfew for Minors". The Committee thanked the Solicitor and indicated that they will think about this issue.

The Solicitor and Committee discussed the correspondence from American Tower regarding an extension of the lease and previous correspondences regarding purchasing perpetual easement. The Committee instructed the Clerk to forward a letter with a counter offer of \$50,000.00 signing bonus for a 5 year extension. Mr. April commented on a possible downside of in the future they might not need the tower and the Committee discussed this issue further and reiterated their discussion to have the Clerk forward a letter with their counter offer.

Mayor Murphy asked for any public comment on agenda items.

There being no public comment, Mayor Murphy asked for a motion adopting the consent agenda, motion was made by Teefy seconded by Germanio, with 5 ayes, that the consent agenda be adopted.

The following was apart of the Consent Agenda:

Motion approving the Application for Use of Facilities for Dennis Township Cub Pack 56 for use of the Community Room.

The following resolutions 2014-135 and 2014-136 were a part of the Consent Agenda:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-135**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF A  
TAX OVERPAYMENT –  
BLOCK 121, LOT 2, C0059**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector, Michele T. Heim, has notified the Clerk of a tax overpayment on Block 121, Lot 2, C0059; and

**WHEREAS**, the overpayment was a result of the property obtaining tax exempt status; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount of the overpayment requested to be refunded for Block 121, Lot 2, C0059 is ninety three dollars and eighty nine cents (\$93.89).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized and directed to refund the total amount of \$93.89 to: South Seaville Camp Meeting Association, P.O. Box 588, South Seaville, NJ 08246.

**ATTEST**

Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk

**ATTEST**

John Murphy, Mayor

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-136**

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS OF VOLUNTEERS TO THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Dennis has a number of residents with experience in emergency management; and

**WHEREAS**, several of these residents are willing to serve in a volunteer capacity to assist the Emergency Management Coordinator and the Office of Emergency Management; and

**WHEREAS**, these residents would serve on a purely volunteer basis; would not be employees and would not receive compensation or benefits, but would bring vital experience and assistance to the Emergency Management functions of the Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, in the County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, duly assembled this 16th day of September, 2014, as follows:

1. The preamble above is incorporated herein by reference as the findings of the Township Committee;
2. The following Township resident is hereby named Volunteer Assistant to the Emergency Management Coordinator and the Township Committee member having public safety oversight:

Adam Dotts

3. Said resident shall perform functions as deemed necessary and useful for the Township by the Emergency Management Coordinator and/or the Township Committee member having public safety oversight;
4. This Volunteer Assistant to the Emergency Management Coordinator shall commence such volunteer service upon the adoption of this Resolution; shall have no independent authority or ability to bind the Township or make decisions; shall serve at the pleasure of the Township Committee and may be removed from this volunteer capacity by the Township Committee for any reason or no stated reason at any time by way of subsequent Resolution, in the sole discretion of the Township Committee.

**ATTEST**

Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk

**ATTEST**

John Murphy, Mayor

The Mayor indicated that we were moving on to the Regular portion of the agenda.

This being the time and place for the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2014-07, the Mayor read the ordinance by title. Motion was made by Germanio, seconded by Teefy, that the Hearing be open for public comment. John Berg of South Seaville questioned what free basic consisted of for the Fire Companies. The Clerk indicated that it was cable television and Committeeman Germanio commented on the Committees' attempt to obtain free internet and that only libraries can get the internet. Mr. Berg, Committeeman DiCicco and Committeeman Germanio commented further on the cost of internet. Joyce Bou of South Dennis questioned cable line on County Route 550 and Committeeman Germanio indicated that it has been done, however not on Sunset Road. There being no further comments from the public, motion was made by Teefy, seconded by O'Connor, that the Hearing be closed.

Motion was made by Teefy, seconded by Germanio, with 5 ayes and no nays, the following Ordinance No. 2014-07 was adopted:

**ORDINANCE # 2014-07**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST OF SOUTH JERSEY, LLC TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN DENNIS TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY.**

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**Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk** **John Murphy, Mayor**

The Mayor asked for a motion authorizing the payment of the bills, providing that proper vouchers have been filed and that funds are available.

Motion was made by Teefy, seconded by Germanio, with 5 ayes and no nays, that the payment of the following bills was approved:

**GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

037402-Twp of Dennis Payroll Account	\$ 52,006.99
037403-A.C. Moore, Inc.	153.49
037404-Super Valu	486.26
037405-Advantage Rental Center, Inc.	456.74
037406-Atlantic City Electric	1,905.57
037407-Belleplaine Emergency Corp.	44,202.36
037408-Blaney & Donohue, PA	418.50
037409-Blue Quality Lawncare, LLC	1,216.50
037410-A.A. C.M.C.	50.00
037411-Computer Access Systems	80.25
037412-Coastal Landscaping	112.50
037413-John L. Collins	356.02
037414-Thomas Cotellese	50.00
037415-Nelson B. Creamer	127.40
037416-Crystal Springs	31.73
037417-Dennis Twp Fire District #1	91,250.00
037418-Dennis Twp Fire District #2	62,736.50
037419-Dennis Twp Fire District #3	40,265.75
037420-Township of Dennis	400.00
037421-Dennis Twp Board of Education	3,926.54
037422-Dunbar Armored Inc.	483.17

037423-East Coast Distributors	647.53
037424-Jeanette M. Ennis	130.09
037425-Forlini's Restaurant & Bar	1,920.00
037426-Mike Gardner & Son, Inc.	118.02
037427-The Gem Grocery & Gas	19.92
037428-John C. Gibson, P.E.	5,078.75
037429-Gerald C. Harris	138.28
037430-Herald Newspaper, Inc.	102.24
037431-Keen Compressed Gas Co., Inc.	20.57
037432-K-Mart	80.98
037433-Edward F. Leith, Jr.	115.90
037434-National September 11	960.00
037435-Nextel Communications	239.64
037436-NJ Dept Health/Senior Services	9.60
037437-New Jersey State	7.00
037438-Ocean View Veterinary Hospital	30.00
037439-PECO	920.00
037440-Police Unity Tour, Inc.	300.00
037441-Power of Production Studio	385.00
037442-VOID	
037443-S.A.R. Automotive Equip.	400.00
037444-Shore Animal Control	650.00
037445-Thomas G. Smith, P.C.	1,028.56
037446-South Seaville Camp Mtg. Assoc.	93.89
037447-S.S.C.I.	20.00
037448-Tuckahoe Sand & Gravel, Co., Inc.	418.55
037449-Township of Upper	5,546.86
037450-Vital Communications, Inc.	34,095.00

Motion made by Teefy, seconded by O'Connor, all in favor and the motion carried, that the following Administrative Reports were adopted:

Tax Collector's Report	July, 2014
Construction Official's Report	August, 2014
Engineer's Report	09/16/2014

Mayor Murphy asked if there were any comments from the public this evening and let the record reflect that there were no comment from those present.

Committeeman Germanio indicated that he had attended the 9-1-1 Ceremony in Court House and it was a very nice ceremony that honored the people who lost their lives as well as the heroes that tried to save them. Committeeman Germanio commented on the original Open Space Application and indicated that he had taken input from the people down at the County Open Space Board to craft the plan with the best possible chance for success. He stated that they were looking for new and unique features and he commented on items he included which he felt fit the bill. He indicated that these items had been removed from the plan and as a result the County Open Space Board is not looking favorably on our application. Committeeman Germanio indicated that the original plan was gutted and it had items that the County wanted to see and the new plan that was submitted does not and that is for others to explain to the public. He commented on the Open Space Tax the Dennis Township Taxpayers pay and indicated that we should be working hard to get some of it back for Dennis Township. He commented on the required match percentage compared to having to pay 100% of it and how the County wants us to succeed and are willing work with us to allow for bonding. Committeeman Germanio indicated that the application will be voted on in October and we should know by November 1<sup>st</sup> how it went and that we should have a back-up plan if it is not approved. Committeeman Germanio continued to comment on succeeding and the application/plan not being what the County wanted. Mayor Murphy indicated that he did not understand and questioned where this displeasure was coming from. Committeeman Germanio reiterated his comments regarding the

original plan and the uniqueness that the County was looking for. Deputy Mayor O'Connor commented on why the plan/application was changed and commented on the Recreation Director and the various Sports Associations members not being included in the crafting of the plan. He indicated that the plan/application was changed to have what people like the Recreation Director and Sports Association Presidents indicated that was needed not what the County thinks is needed. He reiterated that it definitely was changed based on needs and the knowledge of people that live recreation everyday and have years of experience. He commented on being the headquarters for tournaments and indicated that is not us. Committeeman Germanio indicated it would be one tournament a year not the headquarters and he commented on speaking with the Recreation Director on some of the plans and indicated that he asked to be a part of the meeting with the Associations. Deputy Mayor O'Connor commented on the timeline and asked Committeeman Germanio what he had done to include the Association in the eleven months prior. Deputy Mayor O'Connor and Committeeman Germanio continued to discuss the application at length. Mayor Murphy commented on a joint meeting with Mr. DeBlasio and Committeeman Germanio suggested to have Leslie Gimeno from the County. They continued on regarding what is unique and what isn't and agreed to the meeting.

Committeeman Teefy commented on Waste Management taking over the trash pick-up on October 6<sup>th</sup>. He indicated that the schedule will remain the same and a letter will be sent to all the residents. He also stated that the Assistant Supervision of Public Works was meeting with them to review the routes. Committeeman DiCicco indicated that Waste Management was reimbursing the Township for 50% of the mailing costs. Committeeman Germanio indicated that the V.F.W. had concerns regarding their dumpster being emptied. Mayor Murphy indicated everything will remain the same. Committeeman Teefy reiterated that everything will remain the same except the truck that picks it up. Mayor Murphy stated that Waste Management has fewer holidays and that is the only thing that will be different and Committeeman Teefy stated that it will be explained in the letter. Mayor Murphy and Committeeman Teefy indicated that the Township will still be picking up the recycling and bulk.

Committeeman Teefy announced that next week he will be getting a knee replacement and therefore will be unable to attend the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Committeeman DiCicco commented on a change in the Museum hours he indicated that Mr. Rebmann and himself will be unavailable for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and therefore will be open on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup> instead. Committeeman DiCicco commented on the appointment of Adam Dotts as an OEM Volunteer. He commented on how technical the OEM has gotten with all the paperwork being done online and the addition of a young kid that is wired for technology is a benefit to the OEM staff. He announced that his daughter is the Head Freshman Coach for Field Hockey at Mainland and has won her first game against Egg Harbor Township.

Deputy Mayor O'Connor commented on the Dennis Township Football/Cheerleaders Association annual fundraiser at the Springfield Inn in Sea Isle on the 27<sup>th</sup> and if anyone is interested stop by and support the kids. He indicated that soccer started Saturday and he hung out for a couple hours confirming he knows nothing about soccer. He stated that the turnout was phenomenal both volunteer and participants.

Committeeman DiCicco confirmed that Deputy Mayor O'Connor knows nothing about soccer.

Motion was made by Teefy, seconded by Germanio, that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor and the motion carried.

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_ ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk John Murphy, Mayor