

**TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS  
DENNISVILLE, NJ  
NOVEMBER 18, 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).

The Dennis Township 2014 Cape May County 11-13 Age Division Soccer Champions were recognized by the Mayor and Township Committee.

The Committee took a 1 minute recess to allow for the Soccer Champions and their families to exit.

Township Solicitor, Jeff April, gave an overview of the Township's Small Cities Program – Housing Rehabilitation Mortgage. A discussion was held with Richard E. Sandman, Esq regarding the Small Cities Program Housing Rehabilitation Mortgage on the property located at 626 Petersburg Road owned by Carol Shoemaker. They discussed Ms. Shoemaker's difficulties and the need for a reverse mortgage and the requirement of the Township's mortgage being subordinated. Mr. Sandman expanded on Ms. Shoemaker's difficulties and indicated that allowing for the subordination would be best for Ms. Shoemaker and the Township. Committeemen DiCicco and Teefy commented and Mr. Sandman reiterated the benefits to the Township such as our mortgage being reinstated and the back taxes being paid. The Committee questioned when the Township would be paid back the mortgage and Mr. Sandman stated that when the property is transferred out of Ms. Shoemaker's name. The Committee, Mr. April and Mr. Sandman discussed having specific numbers and a resolution prepared for the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

The Committee discussed the Township's Life Insurance, Accidental Death & Dismemberment Coverage and the new quote. The Committee indicated that it was fine.

Mayor Murphy commented on the two different groups that were present tonight concerning the rumble strips and the ARC Land Use Board application. He indicated that this evening the Committee was adopting a resolution urging the NJDOT to designate the portions of Route 47 that has the rumble strips as "No Passing Zones" and anyone with concerns regarding this issue can comment during the Public Comment portion so that it is on the record.

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 O'Connor seconded by Teefy with 5 ayes and no nays, that the consent agenda be adopted.

The following resolutions 2014-148 and 2014-150 were a part of the Consent Agenda:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-148**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A  
PLANNING/ZONING ESCROW FEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Administrator to the Planning and Zoning Boards has requested the refund of a Planning/Zoning Escrow Fee; and

**WHEREAS**, said Planning/Zoning application project has been completed or withdrawn and the escrow fund balance remains.

**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 is hereby authorized and directed to refund the following Planning/Zoning Escrow balance:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Applicant</u>
260	4.01	\$ 650.70	Cape Bank 225 N. Main Street, P.O. Box 550 Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Administrator to the Planning and Zoning Boards and the Chief Financial Officer.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-149**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR  
POGUE, INC. TO COORDINATE  
ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township's Alcohol and Drug Testing Services Agreement expires on 12/31/2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Pogue, Inc. has submitted a proposal for Alcohol and Drug Testing Services in the Township of Dennis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clerk has reviewed the proposal and finds that it meets the needs of the Township and has recommended acceptance by the Township Committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The averments of the preamble are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Professional Service Contract with Pogue, Inc. for services related to Alcohol and Drug Testing Services for the 2015 year.
3. The Clerk shall cause of notice of the award of this contract to be published in the official newspaper of the Township of Dennis as required by N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-5(1)(a)(i).



**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-08**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2014-05 ENTITLED, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS”.**

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

This being the time and place for the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2014-09, the Mayor read the ordinance by title. Motion was made by Teefy, seconded by Germanio, that the Hearing be open for public comment. There being no comment from those present, motion was made by O’Connor, seconded by Germanio that the Hearing be closed.

Motion was made by O’Connor, seconded by DiCicco, with 5 ayes and no nays that the following Ordinance No. 2014-09 was adopted:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-09**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 40 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS, ENTITLED “PERSONNEL POLICIES”**

**ATTEST** \_\_\_\_\_ **ATTEST** \_\_\_\_\_  
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:**

037588-Twp of Dennis Payroll Account	\$ 52,782.74
037589-Super Valu	281.50
037590-Advantage Rental Center	128.70
037591-Atlantic City Electric	6,894.36
037592-A.T.&T.	100.98
037593-Kristie Allen	200.00
037594-Donna L. Batchelor	200.00
037595-Catherine Dougherty	104.90
037596-Deborah Berg	225.00
037597-Belleplaine Emergency Corp.	150.00
037598-Belleplaine VFW Post 6257	75.00

037599-Cub Scout Pack 56	800.00
037600-Kathleen Bresan	225.00
037601-CMCMUA	14,626.00
037602-County of Cape May	25,000.00
037603-Computer Access Systems	90.25
037604-Glenn O. Clarke (Petty Cash)	244.06
037605-Cody's Power Equipment	1,961.99
037606-Colonial Electric Supply Co.	95.46
037607-John L. Collins	335.82
037608-Country Barn Florist, Inc.	58.00
037609-Kelly Cramer	200.00
037610-Nelson B. Creamer	136.03
037611-Crystal Springs	57.60
037612-Alice Dahlmann	200.00
037613-Keith J. Devine	200.00
037614-Albert F. Donahue	200.00
037615-Gwendolyn J. Donahue	200.00
037616-Thomas F. Duffy	200.00
037617-Dunbar Armored Inc.	422.70
037618-East Coast Distributors	141.94
037619-Jeanette M. Ennis	264.80
037620-Township of Dennis	150.00
037621-Frank's Screens, LLC	513.95
037622-Nina Fuqua	200.00
037623-The Gem Grocery	199.44
037624-G&K Services, Inc.	952.29
037625-Donna Sue Glembovki	225.00
037626-Robert A. Grace	200.00
037627-Anna I. Haig	200.00
037628-Charles Haig	225.00
037629-Gerald C. Harris	110.90
037630-Herald Newspaper, Inc.	119.96
037631-Napa Auto Parts	858.51
037632-Keen Compressed Gas Co., Inc.	20.57
037633-Heidi Kern	200.00
037634-Kimball-Midwest	429.00
037635-Ted Kingston, Inc.	150.00
037636-Sara C. Koczur	200.00
037637-Edward F. Leith, Jr.	309.76
037638-Robin S. Light	200.00
037639-Masune First Aid & Safety	224.75
037640-Nextel Communications	240.32
037641-NJ Dept Health/Senior Services	6.60
037642-Ocean View Vet Hospital	90.00
037643-Ocean View Volunteer Fire Co.	225.00
037644-The O.D.B., Co.	1,998.52
037645-Oriental Trading Co., Inc.	96.71
037646-Robin V. Paul	225.00
037647-Cynthia Pikolycky	225.00
037648-Frank Podlaski	200.00
037649-Power of Production Studio	260.00
037650-William A. Rice, Jr.	200.00
037651-Seashore Food Distributors, Inc.	48.27
037652-Cooltronics, Inc.	396.89
037653-Shop Rite	197.60
037654-Shore Animal Control	1,138.25
037655-Gertrude Singer	200.00
037656-Thomas G. Smith P.C.	812.16
037657-S.S.C.I.	40.00
037658-Staples	577.56
037659-State Treasurer	50.00
037660-Suburban Propane	1,156.99
037661-Jill H. Swagler	200.00

037662-Carole A. Tozer	225.00
037663-Jeffrey Trout	200.00
037664-Tru Green Chemlawn	812.00
037665-Noel Turner	200.00
037666-Uline	478.28
037667-Township of Upper	4,630.93
037668-Township of Upper	28,750.00
037669-Florence Vagratan	225.00
037670-Verizon Wireless	74.79
037671-Verizon	1,488.64
037672-Vital Communications, Inc.	31,290.00
037673-Robert P. Ward	200.00
037674-Diane Weldon	200.00
037675-Carol. Weygand	200.00
037676-David J. Weygand	200.00
037677-Xerox Financial Services	297.90

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

Construction Official's Report	October, 2014
Engineer's Report	11/18/14

Mayor Murphy asked for a motion to open the meeting for public comment. Motion was made by Germanio, seconded by O'Connor with all in favor.

Mayor Murphy advised the public that now is when they can comment on their concerns.

Joan Berkey of 707 North Delsea Drive, South Dennis commented on the resolution urging the NJDOT to designate the portions of Route 47 with the rumble strips as "No Passing Zones". She commented on summer traffic and indicated that the noise the rumble strips make is horrendous and very upsetting. Ms. Berkey read a letter into the record from resident Chip Paul regarding the hazard the rumble strips create for motorcyclist and that he feels they must now re-pave it. Ms. Berkey commented on also getting the speed limit reduced to 40 M.P.H. and the Committee indicated that they would forward a letter to the NJDOT requesting the reduction to 40 M.P.H.

Paul Scheuerman of 934 Court House/South Dennis Road commented regarding his concerns with banning the Outside Wood Boilers, who it would pertain to and how it would affect him using his fireplace. Committeeman DiCicco indicated that there is no ban and there is a study going on just Outside Wood Boilers and it would not pertain to wood stoves, etc. and that the Solicitor is currently reviewing the legal aspects.

Carol Donovan of Academy Lane in Ocean View commented on the fire at the South Seaville Methodist Church and address issues with dispatching. The Committee discussed the ongoing concerns with the dispatching issues. John Berg, Emergency Management Coordinator and Volunteer Fireman commented on the issue of calling 9-1-1 from a cell phone. The Committee discussed the issue of having roads with the same name. Mr. Berg explained the one button transfer procedure. The Committee continued to discuss the issue and advised Ms. Donovan to be as specific as she can when she is on her cell phone with 9-1-1. Mr. Berg commented on Cell Phone Companies installing locators and indicated that these issue is a drawl back to not having a land-line. Discussion continued with this issue and Mr. Berg recommended calling Belleplain Emergency directly.

Don Friel 719 Rt. 47 commented in support of the “No Passing Zone” resolution for Route 47 due to the rumble strips. He also commented on the motorist speeding and recommended signage alerting them regarding the “No Passing Zone”.

Diann Walters of 1 Scotty Drive came to discuss the ARC application before the Land Use Board.

Committeeman DiCicco reminded the Township Committee that although the public can comment at will regarding the ARC application, it is an active application before the Land Use Board and the Township Committee must be very circumspect of what they say.

Ms. Walters updated the Committee on the status of the ARC’s application to the Land Use Board and commented on their request for variances. Township Solicitor, Jeff April, commented on the language and indicated that all applications state the same phrase. Ms. Walters commented on the 1989 variance the ARC received and reiterated the conditions required. She also commented on a 2012 variance for a storage building which she believes should not have been approved due to the conditions set forth in the 1989 resolution. Ms. Walters commented on the business they run out of the storage building and the port-a-potties, picnic tables, piles of grass clippings, etc. that they have to look at from Scotty Drive and provided pictures. She stated that the ARC are not good neighbors. Ms. Walters commented on the letters the neighbors received from Mr. Pickering inviting them to a meeting to address their concerns. Ms. Walters indicated that their neighborhood is zoned Village Residential and that is what they want it to remain. She also comment on the 2012 Master Plan revision. Ms. Walters continued to comment on the ARC’s application. The Committee discussed the status of the application before the Land Use Board with additional comments from Ms. Walters. The discussed the scheduling of the next Land Use Board meeting and commented on the renewal of a mining operation permit being before the ARC’s application. Committeeman DiCicco indicated that as a citizen Ms. Walters has every right to request that the Land Use Board require impact studies. Ms. Walters continued regarding the ARC’s application and their funding.

James MacKeown of 130 Academy Road commented on the ARC’s income capability of using a portion of the house for a rental.

Ferne Detwiler 153 School House Road commented on the ARC and possible violations to the conditions established in the 1989 approval. The Committee advised that the neighbors should contact the Code Enforcement Officer, David Gonnam, concerning any violations.

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

The Mayor asked for comments from the Committee.

Committeeman Germanio commented on the Miracle Fitness on County Route 550 is having a burn the bird/sweat the gravy at 8:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning with a \$20.00 donation to benefit the Dennis Township Chamber of Commerce Secret Santa Program.

Committeeman Teefy commented on a Bake Sale happening tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. at the Hockey Rink which will benefit a Dennis Township family with a family member fighting cancer. He also urged everyone with animals to bring them inside when there is cold weather.

Committeeman DiCicco wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and advised the Committee that the Environmental Commission will be applying for a grant in the near future to help offset the cost associated with updating the Forestry Plan. He commented on an upcoming meeting

with the Emergency Management Coordinator, John Berg, Deputy Mayor O'Connor, School Superintendent, Mr. Miller and himself regarding an active shooter drill.

Deputy Mayor O'Connor commented on concerns he has received regarding Sea Isle Blvd. Township Engineer, Jack Gibson, commented on discussions he had with the County Engineer, Dale Foster, regarding snow removal and bicycles on Sea Isle Blvd. He stated that the project is moving forward as it was planned and commented on the different phases. Committeeman Teefy commented on an inlet being in the middle of the lane and water pooling due to the lanes being shifted. Mr. Gibson and the Committee discussed the reduction in the speed limit and the need for it to be reduced even more. Deputy Mayor O'Connor commented on having guard rail being placed along the Blvd. Mr. Gibson commented further on his discussions with Mr. Foster as well as the pre-construction meeting. They continued to discuss the safety concerns associated with the Sea Isle Blvd. project with response to accidents and mutual aid. Mr. Gibson indicated that he will continue to have dialogue with Mr. Foster on our concerns.

Mayor Murphy thanked everyone for coming out this evening.

Motion was made by O'Connor, 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