

**TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS  
DENNISVILLE, NJ  
MARCH 17, 2015**

**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 (DiCicco, Salimbene, Tozer, O'Connor and Murphy present).

The Mayor indicated that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on the Defeated Fire District #1 Budget. Township Solicitor, Jeff April, commented on Dennis Township Fire District #1 Budget as well as the statute governing Fire District Budgets. He clarified the amount of the Budget. The Mayor asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing, motion was made by O'Connor, seconded by Tozer, that the Public Hearing be opened. Sandra Izzi of Ocean View commended the Fire Commissioners for cutting the budget and commented on the use of the funds. Motion was made by O'Connor, seconded by Tozer, that the Public Hearing be closed.

The Mayor questioned the Solicitor if a resolution would be adopted tonight. The Solicitor polled the Committee to see if anyone had any recommendations for further cuts. There being none the Solicitor stated the amounts that should be reflected in the resolution and Mayor Murphy indicated that it would be placed on the regular agenda as Resolution No. 2015-50.

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

The following minutes were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

07/21/2014 Regular Meeting, 08/04/2014 Regular & Work Session and the 08/04/2014 Public Hearing for the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program.

The following correspondences were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

Certificate of Determination and Award of the Township's Bond Anticipation Note Sale and the Greater Tuckahoe Area Merchants Association Annual Tour de Tuckahoe on May 02, 2015.

The following resolutions 2015-46 through 2015-49 were a part of the Consent Agenda:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-46**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TAX REFUND FOR A  
DUPLICATE TAX PAYMENT ON BLOCK 54, LOT 8**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector, Michele T. Heim, has notified the Clerk of a tax overpayment on Block 54, Lot 8; and

**WHEREAS**, the overpayment was a result of the mortgage company and the property owner making duplicate payments; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount of the overpayment requested to be refunded for Block 54, Lot 8 is one thousand six hundred nine dollars and forty-eight cents (\$1,609.48).

**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 \$1,609.48 payable to: Bank of America c/o CoreLogic Services, LLC, Post Office Box 961230, Fort Worth, TX 76161-0230.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-47**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE ENGINEER FOR THE YEAR 2015**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis in the County of Cape May and State of New Jersey finds it necessary to contract with an Engineering Firm for alternate engineering services ; and

**WHEREAS**, Remington & Vernick Engineers, submitted a quote for said services on February 26, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, this appointment may be made without public bidding under the local public contracts law; and

**WHEREAS**, certification of funds available will be received from the Chief Financial Officer prior to any project being authorized; and

**WHEREAS**, Remington & Vernick Engineers, after submitting all documents and disclosures in accordance with law, and having submitted a response to a Request for Qualifications in accordance with the "Fair and Open Process," have been nominated by the Mayor to be appointed as Alternate Engineers for the Township of Dennis; and

**WHEREAS**, Remington & Vernick Engineers, as Alternate Engineers are prequalified under the "Fair and Open Process" and may be called upon by the Township to handle certain project development and management, which projects shall be the subject of agreements separately negotiated and approved by the governing body before the commencement of work by Remington & Vernick Engineers, on any such project, but all in accordance with the rates and fees as submitted by Remington & Vernick Engineers, which are on file with the Township Clerk. No "not to exceed" amount is required at this time for the Alternate Engineer, but will be required in connection with any and all projects by way of Resolution before proceeding.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, duly assembled in public session this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015, that Remington & Vernick Engineers, be and hereby are appointed as Alt. Engineer to the Township of Dennis for the purposes of alternate engineering services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Remington & Vernick Engineers, shall prepare and execute an appropriate contract and shall execute all affirmative action language and execute and provide all other items as may be required by law to effectuate the contract.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-48**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ATLANTIC COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND'S TRANSITIONAL DUTY POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund has developed a new Transitional Duty Policy for members to adopt; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of Transitional Duty Days leads to thousands of dollars in savings to the members.

**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 adopt the attached Transitional Duty Policy.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk who acts as the Claims Coordinator be designated as the Transitional Duty Coordinator.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-49**

**RESOLUTION CHANGING THE JOB STATUS OF THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL, BUILDING SUBCODE OFFICIAL, FIRE SUBCODE OFFICIAL, PLUMBING SUBCODE OFFICIAL AND ELECTRICAL SUBCODE OFFICIAL TO PERMANENT PART-TIME**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution Nos. 2014-144 & 2015-30 made temporary appointments of the Construction Official, Building Subcode Official, Fire Subcode Official, Plumbing Subcode Official and Electrical Subcode Official; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has advertised, received applications and conducted interviews of all applicants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sub-Committee has recommended that the temporary appoints be made permanent.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that the following positions/titles: Construction Official, Building Subcode Official, Fire Subcode Official (William Callahan), Plumbing Subcode Official (Michael Morano) and Electrical Subcode Official (William Gervasi) status be changed from temporary part-time to permanent part-time effective 03/17/2015.

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

The Mayor indicated that we would move on to the regular agenda.

Motion was made by O'Connor, seconded by DiCicco, with 5 ayes and no nays, that the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-50**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE 2015 DENNIS TOWNSHIP  
FIRE DISTRICT #1 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, at the regular election of the Dennis Township Fire District #1 - Station 17, held on February 21, 2015 the voters of the fire district rejected the proposed budget of \$350,000.00 submitted by the Board of Fire Commissioners for the tax levy fire purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. A40A:14-78.5, the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis received the proposed fire budget and supporting documentation from the Board of Fire Commissioners on February 26, 2015 consulted with said Board of Fire Commissioners with respect to the defeated budget; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14 - 78.5, all of the proper notices for this meeting have been given, and a public hearing on the rejected budget having been held on March 17, 2015 by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has reviewed the matter carefully and being required, pursuant to the aforesaid statute, to certify to the Cape May County Board of Taxation the amount necessary for general fund expenses to provide a thorough and efficient fire system in the district.

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

1. The allegations statements of the preamble are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.
2. After the public hearing, which included discussion with the Dennis Township Fire District #1 – Station 17, it was agreed that the budget would remain the same, and additional cuts could be made without jeopardizing the ability for a thorough and efficient fire system public safety in the Township.
3. The Township Committee of the Township of Dennis in the County of Cape May and the State of New Jersey hereby certifies that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. A40A:14-79, the amount necessary for the general fund expenses for the fire district to provide a thorough and efficient fire system fire fighting services in the Township of Dennis is \$355,750 (total budget amount) of which a total of \$350,000 shall be raised by tax levy. calculated as follows:

Original tax levy submitted to voters \$350,000

Deductions made by Committee \$ -0

Reserve for Future Capital Outlays

Tax levy for general fund expenses \$350,000

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

This being the time and place for the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2015-01, the Mayor read the ordinance by title. Motion was made by O'Connor, seconded by Salimbene, that the Hearing be open for public comment. There being no comment from those present, motion was made by Salimbene, seconded by Tozer 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. 2015-01 was adopted:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, AND  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 80, SECTION 5  
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS ENTITLED,  
“CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM – FEES”.**

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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 DiCicco, seconded by O’Connor 5ayes and no nays, that the payment of the following bills was approved:

**GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

037945-Twp. Of Dennis Payroll Account	\$ 62,823.45
037946-Super Valu	127.29
037947-Advantage Rental Center, Inc.	99.30
037948-Atlantic City Electric	4,663.06
037949-A.T.&T.	101.54
037950-Animal Control of South Jersey	600.00
037951-A.N.J.E.C.	350.00
037952-Bank of America	1,609.48
037953-Catherine Dougherty	301.91
037954-Belleplaine Emergency Corp.	12,500.00
037955-Cape May County BOA Agent Acct	80.00
037956-Cape May County Bd of Taxation	25.00
037957-Computer Access Systems	92.25
037958-Nelson B. Creamer	127.79
037959-Crystal Springs	67.77
037960-Daley’s Pit	80.00
037961-Dennis Twp Fire District #1	91,250.00
037962-Dennis Twp Fire District #2	62,736.50
037963-Dennis Twp Fire District #3	40,265.75
037964-Deptcor	207.00
037965-Sheree L. Dever	156.96
037966-Don J. Urie Associates, Inc.	52.00
037967-Dunbar Armored Inc.	362.31
037968-Jeanette M. Ennis	126.76
037969-Mike Gardner & Son, Inc.	79.01
037970-John C. Gibson, P.E.	2,500.00
037971-G & K Services, Inc.	927.16
037972-Gereald C. Harris	116.47
037973-Napa Auto Parts	1,273.70
037974-Keen Compressed Gas Co., Inc.	19.16
037975-Kel-Tex Imprints, Inc.	599.00
037976-K-Mart	199.06
037977-Madison Square Garden Enter.	2,600.00
037978-Marsh & McLennan Agency, LLC	9,104.00
037979-Nextel Communications	240.18
037980-Ocean View Veterinary Hospital	53.00
037981-Power of Production Studio	335.00

037982-Rutgers, The State University	350.00
037983-Thomas G. Smith, P.C.	1,035.68
037984-Southern New Jersey N.I.G.P.	60.00
037985-Staples Credit Plan	222.01
037986-Treasurer, State of New Jersey	25.00
037987-Suburban Propane	1,185.06
037988-T.C.T.A. of NJ	770.00
037989-Township of Upper	2,312.97
037990-Township of Upper	28,750.00
037991-Verizon Wireless	38.01
037992-Verizon	1,544.11
037993-V.E. Ralph & Son, INc.	1,040.65
037994-Vital Communications, Inc.	20,020.00
037995-Waste Management of NJ, Inc.	14,733.00
037996-Xerox Financial Services	272.90

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

Tax Collector's Report	February, 2015
Construction Official's Report	February, 2015
Engineer's Report	03/17/2015

Mayor Murphy asked if there were any comments from the public this evening.

There being no comment from those present, motion was made by O'Connor, seconded by Salimbene, that the public comment portion be closed.

The Mayor asked for comments from the Committee.

Committeewoman Salimbene updated everyone on the delivery of the piano for the Senior Center and commented on the St. Paddy's Day luncheon that was well attended and the guess speaker talking about a new State Program for Sandy Relief. She commented on the Cultural & Heritage target being the 5<sup>th</sup> graders and the winners names will be placed in a drawing and that student would receive a MAC t-shirt and showed everyone the t-shirt. Committeewoman Salimbene indicated that the contest is also being posted on the website to give 5<sup>th</sup> graders who attend other school districts an opportunity to participate.

Committeeman Tozer commented on his meeting with Municipal Engineer, Jack Gibson, Belleplain Fire Chief Kern. He indicated that Chris Hope has offered his services in the project to tap into the existing well at Chestnut Street Park so the Fire Company can fill their tankers from there and this will allow for multiple hook up locations in the event of a large emergency. He stated that he and Mr. Gibson canvas the Township for potholes and possible road repairs. He asked that the public contact the Township to report bad areas. Mr. Gibson commented on possibly going out to bid and using the language "if and where directed" and commented on including costs in the budget under capital. Mr. Gibson urged Committee Members to let him know of any problem areas they want addressed. Committeeman Tozer questioned time constraints for being a part of the County's bid project and Mr. Gibson stated that joining with the County would be one way to go and that areas would need to be designated within two weeks

Committeeman DiCicco commented on the Dennis Township Environmental Commission giving out seedlings on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2 pm at the Museum and the trash pick-up on Hagen Road on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9 am and he indicated that volunteers are welcome. He announced that the next Environment Commission meeting would be tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. he also commented on 9-1-1 calls from cell phones and urged everyone to read the directions on the website. Committeeman DiCicco commended the Ocean View Volunteer Firemen and indicated that they do a tremendous job and we are fortunate to have them. He closed with “Go Mets!”

Deputy Mayor O’Connor wished everyone a Happy St. Patty’s Day and expressed kudos to the Ocean View Fire Company and thanked them. He commended Committeeman Tozer for his efforts regarding the Belleplain well issue which has been ongoing. Committeeman DiCicco commented on OEM and indicated that things are coming together and commend Committeeman Tozer for his efforts with Emergency Services as well. Deputy Mayor O’Connor commended Committeewoman Salimbene as well for her work at the Senior Center and Committeewoman Salimbene indicated that she has the easy stuff and Committeeman Tozer has the hard ones. Deputy Mayor O’Connor commented on the Basketball Season wrapping up and commended the Dennis Township kids for doing so well and excelling and he extended his congratulations. Committeeman DiCicco commented on Dennis Township resident Rich Startare and his daughter Kristina’s success at Cabrini College. Deputy Mayor O’Connor stated that the Township’s Easter Egg Hunt would be Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the Rec. He urged everyone to come out rain or shine and indicated that it is a great event. He commended the Rec Staff for the great job they do.

Motion was made by O’Connor, seconded by DiCicco, that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor and the motion carried.

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