

**TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS
DENNISVILLE, NJ
FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

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

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

The Mayor requested that the roll call and flag salute be carried over from the Work Session (VanArtsdalen, Germanio, Cox, Turner and Matalucci present).

The Mayor asked if there were any comments on the consent agenda.

There being none, the Mayor asked for a motion adopting the consent agenda, motion was made by Cox, seconded by Germanio, with 5 ayes and no nays, that the consent agenda be adopted.

The following resolution numbers 2020-41 thru 2020-48 were a part of the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-41

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A
TAX PAYMENT MADE IN ERROR FOR BLOCK 219, LOT 6**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector's Office has notified the Clerk of a tax payment made in error on Block 219, Lot 6; and

WHEREAS, the property is a non escrowed property and payment was made in error by the servicing agent Lereta; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the payment made in error requested to be refunded for Block 219, Lot 6 is one thousand four hundred ninety-three dollars and thirteen cents (\$1,493.13).

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 amount of \$1,493.13 for Block 219, Lot 6 to the following:

Lereta
1123 Parkview Drive
Covina, CA 91724

ATTEST _____ **ATTEST** _____
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-42

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 15 - 21, 2020 AS,
"NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK" IN DENNIS TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, Congress designated the third full week in March to be National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW) in 1961 and since then this week has helped to raise national awareness of the dangers of potentially dangerous medicines, household products and chemicals, environmental contaminants, and other substances; and

WHEREAS, poison centers across the country will focus the public’s attention on the free, lifesaving services provided by poison centers, as well as, educating the public on ways to prevent poisoning exposures; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Poison Control Center, a division of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School provides 24/7 expert poisoning treatment advice, drug information, and prevention education at no cost to the public accessing center services through the Poison Help number at 1-800-222-1222, chat (www.njpiics.org), or text 973-339-0712; and

WHEREAS, specialized medical professionals (doctors, pharmacists, and nurses) provide accessible, free, and confidential healthcare to all; and

WHEREAS, poison center services save healthcare dollars by eliminating thousands of unnecessary emergency department/room visits and decreasing lengths of stays for patients hospitalized for poisoning through telemedicine services/capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the poison center is instrumental in the surveillance and management of poisoning exposures across the state, including the use, misuse, and abuse of; medications, legal and illicit drugs, environmental contaminants, bioterrorism agents, and common household products and chemicals; and

WHEREAS, the state’s poison control center is involved in New Jersey’s efforts in homeland defense, counterterrorism, emergency preparedness and response, and biosurveillance; and

WHEREAS, unintentional poisoning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death in New Jersey outnumbering deaths by motor vehicles and firearms; and

WHEREAS, a poison is defined as anything that can cause harm if taken in the wrong amount, in the wrong way or by the wrong person; and

WHEREAS, although most reported poison exposures involve children five (5) years old and younger; most poisoning deaths occur in adults aged 20 to 59; and

WHEREAS, overdose deaths from prescription opioids, over-the-counter medications, and illegal drugs remain at epidemic proportions for both New Jersey and the United States; and

WHEREAS, lead exposure and carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning remain major public health concerns; and

WHEREAS, vaping and e-cigarette devices pose a serious risk of nicotine poisoning, as well as serious potentially deadly vaping associated lung illnesses, also referred to as EVALI; and

WHEREAS, poison center experts encourage the public not to guess, wait for symptoms, or waste time looking up medical information online when potential poisoning exposures occur; and

WHEREAS, all residents should save the Poison Control Center’s number, 1-800-222-1222, in their cell, home, and office phones because a fast response can make all the difference in preventing serious injury and saving lives;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, that this governing body does hereby proclaim the week of March 15-21, 2020 as “National Poison Prevention Week” in Dennis Township and encourage all citizens to pledge their commitment to ensuring the safety of themselves, their families, and their community.

ATTEST _____
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk

ATTEST _____
Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-43

RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE DENNIS TOWNSHIP HISTORIAN

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:10A-1 et seq. authorizes the creation of local historians; and

WHEREAS, with the adoption of Ordinance No. 2005-06 entitled, "An Ordinance of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey Creating a Position of "Dennis Township Historian" and Providing for the Duties Therefore" the Township has created the position of Dennis Township Historian.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that Raymond C. Rebmann of 29 Maple St., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 be appointed Dennis Township Historian for a three (3) year term effective 01/01/2020 pursuant to Ordinance No. 2005-06 and N.J.S.A. 40:10A-1 et seq.

ATTEST _____ **ATTEST** _____
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-44

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF VAROUS
2020 CAMPGROUND LICENSES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 75 of the Code of the Township of Dennis, the Township Committee is required to approve the issuance of Campground Licenses; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk's Office has received the necessary compliance items to issue the following licenses:

- Lake & Shore Resort – 452 Sites
- Pine Haven Campground, LLC – 640 Sites
- Tamerlane Campground Inc. – 315 Sites
- Jersey Shore Haven – 207 Sites

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that the Clerk's Office is hereby authorized and directed to issue the 2020 Campground Licenses to the aforementioned campgrounds.

ATTEST _____ **ATTEST** _____
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-45

**RESOLUTION DECLARING DENNIS TOWNSHIP A SECOND AMENDMENT/LAWFUL
GUN OWNER SANCTUARY**

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads: "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed," an individual right affirmed by the United States Supreme Court and,

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey was the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights, including the right to keep and bear Arms, and the New Jersey Supreme Court has recognized it as a fundamental right of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, certain legislation introduced in the State Legislature, and certain legislation introduced in the current session of the United States Congress could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear Arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennis is concerned about the passage of any bill containing language which could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the citizens of Dennis Township to keep and bear Arms or could begin a slippery slope of restrictions on the Second Amendment Rights of the citizens of Dennis Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennis desires to express its deep commitment to the rights of citizens of Dennis Township to keep and bear Arms; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennis desires to express opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Dennis Township, such as Assembly Bill 6003 proposed before the New Jersey General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennis desires to express its intent to stand as a Sanctuary Municipality for Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the right of the citizens to keep and bear arms, including through legal action, the power of appropriation of public funds, and the right to petition for redress of grievances.

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

1. The Committee of the Township of Dennis hereby expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Dennis Township and its intent that public funds of the Township not be used to restrict Second Amendment rights or to aid in the unnecessary and unconstitutional restriction of the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Dennis Township to bear Arms; and
2. The Committee of the Township of Dennis hereby declares its intent to oppose unconstitutional restrictions on the right to keep and bear Arms through such legal means as may be expedient, including without limitation court action; and
3. The Committee of the Township of Dennis hereby declares Dennis Township, New Jersey, County of Cape May as a “Second Amendment/Lawful Gun Owner Sanctuary.”

STATEMENT

This Resolution designates Dennis Township, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey as a “Second Amendment/Lawful Gun Owner Sanctuary.”

ATTEST _____ ATTEST _____
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-46

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRI-COUNTY SPORTSMEN’S MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC.
TO CONDUCT THEIR 2020 ANNUAL GREENBRIER ENDURO AND NATIONAL DUAL
SPORT RIDE**

WHEREAS, the Clerk has received a request from the Tri-County Sportsmen’s Motorcycle Club, Inc. for permission to use existing trails and roads that cross Township owned property for their 2020 Annual Greenbrier Enduro and National Dual Sport Ride; and

WHEREAS, the Enduro is scheduled for March 8, 2020 and the Dual Sport Ride is scheduled for October 31st & November 1st, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Club carries five (5) million dollars of liability insurance which names the Township as an additional insured.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to execute the permission form for the use of Township property by the Tri-County Sportsmen's Motorcycle Club, Inc. for their 2020 Annual Greenbrier Enduro on March 8, 2020 and their National Dual Sport Ride on October 31st & November 1st, 2020.

ATTEST _____ **ATTEST** _____
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-47

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE IN TITLE OF A TRUCK DRIVER WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Nelson B. Kern is currently employed in the position of Truck Driver with the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department is covered by the I.B.E.W. Local 1293 Union and the current Agreement allows for the title of Heavy Equipment Operator in Article 16 Section Wages (g); and

WHEREAS, the required Civil Services procedures have been completed and the Civil Service Commission has deemed Nelson B. Kern to qualify for the title of Heavy Equipment Operator.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that Nelson B. Kern is hereby given the title of Heavy Equipment Operator and shall receive a \$0.50 per hour raise effective 02/06/2020.

ATTEST _____ **ATTEST** _____
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-48

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A PROVISIONAL PART-TIME KEYBOARDING CLERK I FOR THE TAX AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator has deemed the need for a Part-Time Keyboarding Clerk I in the Tax Offices and other Administrative Offices due to a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Township received applications and conducted interviews; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator has made her recommendation to 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, that Jessica Ferrier of 841 Dennisville-Petersburg Road, Petersburg, NJ 08270 be hired as the Part-time Keyboarding Clerk I to assist in the Tax Offices and other Administrative Offices at the hourly rate of \$14.50 per hour not to exceed 30 hours per week effective 02/18/2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this is a provisional appointment pending the proper Civil Service procedures.

ATTEST _____
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk

ATTEST _____
Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

The following Ordinance No. 2020-01 was introduced and passed for first reading as part of the consent agenda:

TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS

**COUNTY OF CAPE MAY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01

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

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. The positions listed in the attached schedule are either positions that currently exist or positions that may be created by the Township Committee prior to this Ordinance being amended.

SECTION 2. The salary ranges specified in the attached schedule are hereby adopted for each and every position listed therein. In those cases where only one rate or figure appears in said schedule, said rate or figure shall be the maximum rate or figure applicable to said position. In those cases where a minimum and maximum salary appear the exact salary to be paid to the holder of said position shall be as determined from time to time by Resolution of the Township Committee.

SECTION 3. Longevity pay shall terminate. Employees who, in the year 2004, received longevity pay have had that amount merged into their 2005 salary.

SECTION 4. The duties to be performed by each person holding any position listed herein shall be those duties as outlined in Job Descriptions provided by the New Jersey Department of Personnel or the Township of Dennis.

SECTION 5. All other Ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

SECTION 6. The range of salaries are hereby listed by title or position, with a minimum and a maximum base salary if applicable.

<u>TITLE/POSITION</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
Salaried Employees:		
Mayor	10,020.00	13,500.00
Township Committee Member	10,020.00	13,500.00
Business Administrator (full time)	50,000.00	90,000.00
Business Administrator (part time)	15,000.00	60,000.00
Municipal Clerk	50,000.00	80,000.00
Registrar of Vital Statistics	2,000.00	5,000.00
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	500.00	2,000.00
Keyboarding Clerk II	21,000.00	40,000.00
Keyboarding Clerk I	19,500.00	35,000.00
Keyboarding Clerk I (per hour)	10.00	18.50

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer	40,000.00	80,000.00
Purchasing Agent	1,000.00	5,000.00
Tax Assessor	40,000.00	80,000.00
Tax Assessor (part-time)	25,000.00	50,000.00
Tax Collector	40,000.00	68,000.00
Tax Collector (Part-Time per hour)	30.00	55.00
Assistant Municipal Tax Collector	45,000.00	56,000.00
Emergency Management Coord.	4,000.00	12,000.00
Deputy Emergency Management Coord.	2,500.00	9,000.00
Technical Assistant to the Construction Official	20,000.00	44,000.00
Zoning Officer	4,000.00	15,000.00
Planning Administrative Officer	1,500.00	10,000.00
Director, Parks and Recreation	55,000.00	75,000.00
Recreation Supervisor	35,000.00	55,000.00
Recreation Program Coordinator	40,000.00	50,000.00
Supervisor of Senior Citizen Activities	40,000.00	50,000.00
Municipal Department Head Senior Center	40,000.00	50,000.00
Recreation Attendant	20,000.00	40,000.00
Recreation Attendant (per hour)	10.00	15.00
Municipal Alliance Coordinator	3,000.00	9,000.00
Senior Center Aide (per hour)	10.00	15.00
Director of Public Works/C.P.W.M.	50,000.00	65,000.00
Director of Public Works (part time)	5,000.00	15,000.00
Assistant Supervisor, Public Works	48,000.00	63,000.00
Supervisor, Recreation Maintenance	15.00	26.00
Recreation Maintenance Worker	10.00	20.00
Laborer (per hour)	11.00	25.00
Truck Driver (per hour)	14.25	29.00
Mechanic (per hour)	14.50	29.00
Heavy Equipment Operator	14.75	29.50

Miscellaneous Items:

Code Enforcement Officer (per hour)	15.00	25.00
Constructional Official (per hour)	25.00	65.00
Building Sub-Code Official (per hour)	20.00	50.00
Fire Sub-Code Official (per hour)	20.00	50.00
Electrical Sub-Code Official (per hour)	20.00	50.00
Plumbing Sub-Code Official (per hour)	20.00	50.00
Secretary Planning Bd. (per meeting)	45.00	75.00
Secretary Commissions (per meeting)	40.00	50.00
Required Meeting Attendance (per meeting)	40.00	50.00
Recording Clerk (per meeting)	40.00	75.00
Mileage (per mile)	.32	.58

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall become effective retroactive to February 06, 2020, immediately upon passage and publication according to law. All wages for employees covered under the contracts with I.B.E.W. 1293 will be paid in accordance with those contracts. All other employees will be paid in accordance with a subsequent resolution passed by the governing body detailing each employee's salary.

Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

Scott J. Turner, Deputy Mayor

Thomas Van Artsdalen, III, Committee Member

Matthew Cox, Committee Member

Frank L. Germanio, Jr., Committee Member

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis on February 11, 2020. Publication will be held on February 19, 2020 and a Public Hearing will be held at a meeting of the said Township Committee to be held on March 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building located at 571 Petersburg Road in Dennisville.

ATTEST

Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk

The Mayor indicated that we would be moving on to the regular items on the agenda.

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

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

044506-Acme (Supervalu)	\$ 95.25
044507-ACUA	17,556.73
044508-A & J Produce & Flowers	97.00
044509-Animal Control of South Jersey	600.00
044510-The ARC of Cape May County, Inc..	9.13
044511-Atlantic Cnty Mun Joint Ins Fund	9,655.00
044512-Belleplaine Emergency Corp.	19,853.02
044513-Blaney & Karavan, PA	4,000.00
044514-Cape May Cnty League Municipalities	500.00
044515-County of Cape May	641,248.29
044516-John L. Collins	289.20
044517-Nelson B. Creamer	144.60
044518-Crystal Springs	129.32
044519-Dennis Twp. Board of Education	846,192.59
044520-Larry C. Dixon	144.60
044521-Edmunds & Associates, Inc.	82.50
044522-Ford, Scott & Associates, LLC	6,500.00
044523-Gardner True Value Hardware	8.07
044524-The Gem Grocery & Gas	153.70
044525-Green Technology Services	1,718.66
044526-Gerald C. Harris	144.60
044527-Michele T. Heim	289.20
044528-Cape May County Herald	64.58
044529-Roy J. Hope	289.20
044530-I.A.A.O.	200.00
044531-Edward F. Leith, Jr.	465.09
044532-Marsh & McLennan Agency, LLC	9,375.00
044533-Mariann Murphy	201.45
044534-Nino's Italian Restaurant	260.00

044535-New Jersey Recreation and	400.00
044536-Nat Alexander Company	560.00
044537-Pineland Construction LLC	18,500.00
044538-Principal Life Insurance Co.	80.73
044539-Arthur Schellinger	289.20
044540-Lereta	1,493.13
044541-Shop-Rite	46.27
044542-Staples Advantage	47.38
044543-Carolyn P. Swagler	144.60
044544-Treasurer, State of New Jersey	54.00
044545-The Restaurant Store, Inc.	641.57
044546-Upper Township	2,535.45
044547-Keltex Imprinted Apparel, Inc.	499.25

CONSTRUCTION CODE:

1015-MC Systems Solutions	600.00
1016-T.A.A.S.J.	40.00

GENERAL CHECKING WIRES:

15-NJSHBP	38,234.38
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DOG TRUST:

129-County of Cape May	5,535.00
130-NJ Dept Health/Senior Services	510.00

PLANNING ESCROW:

None

RECREATION TRUST:

1104-Crown Awards	304.32
1105-Dennis Twp. Basketball Assoc.	2,000.00
1106-Epic Sports	899.21
1107-Nino's Italian Restaurant	31.00
1108-Palladin Tour & Travel, LLC	1,960.00
1109-Seashore Food Distributors, Inc.	681.43
1110-Senior Travel Service, Inc.	875.00
1111-Shop-Rite	78.15

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the Administrative Reports. Motion was made by Turner, seconded by VanArtsdalen, with 5 ayes and no nays, that the following Administrative Reports were approved:

Municipal Clerk's Report	Annual, 2019
Municipal Clerk's Report	January, 2020
Registrar's Report	Annual, 2019
Registrar's Report	January, 2020
Tax Collector's Report	January, 2020
Construction Official's Report	January, 2020
Chief Finance Officer's Report	January, 2020
Engineer's Report	02/11/2020

The Mayor made the following appointments effective 02/01/2020:

Environmental Commission

Raymond Rebmann term expiring 12/31/2022

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

Anthony Giannini of 1372 Route 83 was present to share his concerns regarding passing on Route 83. Jack Gibson, the Municipal Engineer, commented on No Passing Zones and Mayor Matalucci commented on accidents that have occurred on Route 83. Mayor Matalucci asked that the Engineer prepare a resolution requesting that the State of New Jersey DOT conduct a No Passing Zone Study on Route 83 in the area of milepost 1.80 to Route 9.

Josh VanSant of 1352 Route 83 echoed Mr. Giannini's concerns and requested the No Passing Zone as well.

The Mayor asked for comments from the Township Committee.

Committeeman VanArtsdalen advised everyone that the Dennis Township Rec Baseball/Softball sign-ups are going on thru rec.desk.

Committeeman Germanio gave an update on the Chestnut Street Park improvement project.

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

Deputy Mayor Turner thanked everyone for their letters regarding the second amendment issue. He indicated that there are 2 alternate positions vacant on the Environmental Commission and that if anyone is interested in serving on the Environmental Commission to let the Committee know.

Mayor Matalucci thanked Committeeman VanArtsdalen and the Crooked Horn Gunning Club for hosting the squirrel tournament.

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

ATTEST _____ ATTEST _____
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor