

**5:30 P.M. (PREVAILING TIME) TWP. COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING**

**DUE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK, WE ARE CONDUCTING THE MEETING BY TELE-CONFERENCE AND THE PUBLIC MAY CALL IN. CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION WAS INCLUDED AS A COVER PAGE TO THIS AGENDA**

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

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

The Clerk asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns regarding the consent agenda.

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

The following minutes were approved as part of the Consent Agenda: 02/23/2021 Regular Meeting.

The following resolution numbers 2021-55 thru 2021-58 were a part of the Consent Agenda:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-55**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF VAROUS  
2021 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:

**Tamerlane Campground – 315 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 2021 Campground Licenses to the aforementioned campgrounds.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-56**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A  
TAX OVERPAYMENT – BLOCK 99, LOT 3**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector's Office has notified the Clerk of a tax overpayment on Block 99, Lot 3; and

**WHEREAS**, the overpayment was a result of the property owner being awarded a 100% Disabled Veteran Deduction; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount of the overpayment requested to be refunded for Block 99, Lot 3 is six hundred and four dollars and seventy-two cents (\$604.72).

**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 \$604.72 to the following:

Block 99, Lot 3  
Michael K. & Theresa M. Bryan  
87 Sunny Lane  
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-57**

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE TOWNSHIP'S COMPLIANCE  
WITH THE UNITED STATES  
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S REQUIREMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40a:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c. 183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," as amended, 42 U.S.C. §2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40a:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c. 183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

**ATTEST** \_\_\_\_\_ **ATTEST** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jacqueline Justice, RMC/Clerk                      Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-58**

**RESOLUTION URGING THE CAPE MAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO  
FILL THE VACANCY AND INCREASE FUNDING FOR AN AGRICULTURE AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES AGENT**

**WHEREAS**, the position of Natural Resource Agent (ANRA) of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cape May County was vacated in or about April of 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, shortly thereafter, the University of Rutgers and the Cooperative Extension of Cape May County placed all in person interviews and hiring for all positions on hold due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last few months, the University of Rutgers has made exceptions to the hiring freeze when necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, at this juncture, the Cape May County Board of Agriculture feels there is a crucial need to fill the position of ANRA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee is of the opinion that as tourism embraces agriculture, there is a need for primary leadership to guide farmers in the development and implementation of this market providing a benefit to everyone within Cape May County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee also acknowledges the need for economic development within the agriculture and natural resources sectors of Cape May County; and

**WHEREAS**, when the ANRA was originally hired, Cape May County funded 25% of the salary. By the time the position was vacated the percentage funded by Cape May County was less than 21% of the salary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee hereby urges the Cape May County Board of Commissioners to support the hiring of an Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent by increasing its funding for the position; and

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

1. The allegations of the preamble are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The Township Committee strongly urges the Cape May County Board of Commissioners to support the hiring of an Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent for Cape May County.
3. The Township Committee also urges the Cape May County Board of Commissioners to increase funding for the position of Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent for Cape May County.
4. The Municipal Clerk shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Cape May County Board of Agriculture, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cape May County, Cape May County Administrator, and the Board of Managers New Jersey Agriculture Experiment Station Rutgers.

**ATTEST** \_\_\_\_\_ **ATTEST** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jacqueline Justice, RMC/Clerk                      Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

The following Ordinance No. 2021-02 was introduced for first reading as part of the consent agenda:

**TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS**  
**COUNTY OF CAPE MAY**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02**  
**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO**  
**ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**  
**(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 1% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis in the County of Cape May finds it advisable and necessary to increase its SFY 2021 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee hereby determines that a 3.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$98,509.48 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, in the County of Cape May, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the SFY 2021 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Dennis shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$137,913.27, and that the SFY 2021 municipal budget for the Township of Dennis be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

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Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

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Scott J. Turner, Deputy Mayor

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Thomas VanArtsdalen, III, Committee Member

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Matthew Cox, Committee Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Frank L. Germanio, Jr., Committee Member

**PRESENTED BY:     TURNER**

**SECONDED BY:     VANARTSDALEN**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: VANARTSDALEN, GERMANIO, COX, TURNER & MATALUCCI**

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAINING:**

**ABSENT:**

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis on March 09, 2021. Publication will be held on March 12, 2021 and a Public Hearing will be held at a meeting of the said Township Committee to be held on March 23, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building located at 571 Petersburg Road in Dennisville.

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

**MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE**

**Section 1.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-59

Municipal Budget of the \_\_\_\_\_ TOWNSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ DENNIS \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ CAPE MAY \_\_\_\_\_ for the Fiscal Year 2021

Be it Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2021:

Be it Further Resolved, that said Budget be published in the \_\_\_\_\_ Press of Atlantic City

in the issue of \_\_\_\_\_ MARCH 13TH \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

The Governing Body of the \_\_\_\_\_ TOWNSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ DENNIS \_\_\_\_\_ does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2021:

**RECORDED VOTE**  
(insert last name)

**Ayes**  
VanArtsdalen  
Gerranio  
Cox  
Turner  
Matalucci

**Nays**

**Abstained**

**Absent**

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the \_\_\_\_\_ COMMITTEEPERSONS \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ TOWNSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ DENNIS \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ CAPE MAY \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_ MARCH \_\_\_\_\_ 9TH \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at \_\_\_\_\_ DENNIS TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_ APRIL \_\_\_\_\_ 13TH \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 at \_\_\_\_\_ 5:30 o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ PM \_\_\_\_\_ at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2021 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

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March 9, 2021

Introduction

Township of Dennis

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Jacqueline Justice, RMC/Clerk

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

The Clerk 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 Matalucci, seconded by Turner, with 5 ayes, no nays, that the payment of the following bills was approved:

**GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

045557-Atlantic City Electric	\$ 1,464.81
045558-Animal Control of South Jersey	600.00
045559-A.N.J.E.C.	375.00
045560-The Alaimo Group	5,750.00
045561-Belleplain Emergency Corp.	20,038.73
045562-Blaney, Donohue, Karavan & Weinberg, PC	5,795.50
045563-Block Line Systems, LLC	1,303.18
045564-CMC Municipal Clerks Assoc.	125.00
045565-Cape May County P.W.A.	1,720.94
045566-Cape May Cnty Assessors Assoc.	330.00
045567-Cody's Power Equipment	351.32
045568-John L. Collins	437.75
045569-Comcast	327.87
045570-Nelson B. Creamer	148.50
045571-Crystal Springs	139.70
045572-Dennis Twp. Board of Education	1,295,359.67
045573-Deutsch, Inc.	10,900.00
045574-Larry C. Dixon	200.71
045575-East Coast Distributors	710.59
045576-Rosemarie Essig	78.09
045577-Fralinger Engineering, PA	878.50
045578-Gardner True Value Hardware	140.54
045579-Randy A. Grant, Sr.	148.50
045580-Green Technology Services	1,925.83
045581-Hugh J. Meehan	250.00
045582-Gerald C. Harris	148.50
045583-Michele T. Heim	473.77
045584-Cape May County Herald	328.52
045585-Roy J. Hope	341.57
045586-NAPA Auto Parts	77.20
045587-K. Gannon Plumbing	200.00
045588-Edward F. Leith, Jr.	312.73
045589-Loveland Garrett & Batastini PA	466.66
045590-M.C.A.N.J.	125.00
045591-MGL Printing Solutions	137.00
045592-Mariann Murphy	202.50
045593-Neuber Environmental Services	118,750.00
045594-Nat. Alliance for Youth Sports	240.00
045595-Pineland Construction, LLC	39,805.56
045596-New Jersey Registrars' Assoc.	25.00
045597-Rutgers, the State University	295.00
045598-Cooltronics, Inc.	4,266.32
045599-South Jersey Gas	1,614.78
045600-S.S.C.I.	100.00
045601-Suburban Propane – 2115	5,374.82
045602-Carolyn P. Swagler	148.50
045603-Treasurer, State of New Jersey	1,092.00
045604-Vision Service Plan	745.82
045605-Vital Communications, Inc.	902.70
045606-David B. Gates, Inc.	7,000.00
045607-Xerox Corporation	176.74

**CONSTRUCTION CODE:**

None.

**GENERAL CHECKING WIRES:**

28-NJSHBP 37,882.18

**DOG TRUST:**

141-Holly Robinson 60.00  
142-Heidi H. Conforto 60.00  
143-NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services 109.20  
144-Tracey L. Robinson 60.00

**ESCROW PINELANDS CONSTRUCTION:**

None.

**ESCROW R. E. PIERSON CONSTRUCT:**

None.

**ESCROW TURNER PARTNERS:**

None.

**ESCROW HRD HOLDINGS:**

68-Fralinger Engineering, PA 1,123.50

**ESCROW RIVERVIEW PLUMBING HEATING & C:**

None.

**ESCROW GOLF CARS UNLIMITED**

1003-Golf Cars Unlimited, LLC 7,184.00

**PLANNING ESCROW:**

1048-Fralinger Engineering, PA 977.50  
1049-Earle Collins 305.75

**RECREATION TRUST:**

None.

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

Municipal Clerk's Report February, 2021  
Registrar's Report February, 2021  
Tax Collector's Report February, 2021  
Construction Official's Report February, 2021  
Chief Finance Officer's Report February, 2021  
Engineer's Report 03/09/2021

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

Let the record reflect that there were no comments from those present.

The Clerk asked for comments from the Township Committee.

Committeeman VanArtsdalen commented on tryouts for Little League, Baseball and Softball and indicated that the results would be announced tomorrow and that we had 194 registrations. He shared information on the Scavenger Easter Egg Hunt which starts today and ends March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Committeeman Germanio thanked the Senior Center Director, Roe Essig, on the great job she did on the St. Patty's Day event where they made and distributed 100 boxes of Irish Potatoes.

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

Deputy Mayor Turner commented on the Mega Center in Atlantic City for the COVID-19 vaccinations.

Mayor Matalucci commented on a meeting he and Committeeman Germanio had with the County regarding the condition of some County Roads and getting some paving done.

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

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