

**TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS
DENNISVILLE, NJ
MAY 11, 2021**

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, Turner and Matalucci present, Cox was absent).

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

Hugh Giordano of Blackwood, NJ indicated that he is the representative of U.F.C.W. Local 152 who represents the Cannabis Workers. Mr. Giordano commented in opposition to proposed Ordinance Nos. 2021-03 & 2021-04, which prohibits the operation of any class of Cannabis Business and the smoking of marijuana in public areas.

The Clerk indicated that nothing regarding the Cannabis was on this evenings agenda. The Township Solicitor, Kyle Weinberg, indicated that this public comment portion was for consent agenda items only and that there is a second Public Comment portion later that the public can address their comments.

There being no further comments on the consent agenda, the Clerk asked for a motion adopting the consent agenda, motion was made by Matalucci, seconded by Turner, with 4 ayes and 1 absent (Cox), that the consent agenda be adopted.

The following minutes were approved as part of the Consent Agenda: 04/27/2021 Regular Meeting.

The following resolution numbers 2021-77 thru 2021-83 were a part of the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-77

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE WAYFINDING SIGNAGE PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING TO GO TO BID FOR THE SAME

WHEREAS, the Dennis Township Committee has determined to install Wayfinding Signage along the Dennis Township Bikeway with grant funds from the County Open Space Board, and

WHEREAS, specifications have been prepared for the project, "WAYFINDING SIGNAGE", along the Dennis Township Bikeway,

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, that said specifications are hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk be and is hereby directed to advertise for bids for said project.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-78

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR CY 2021 FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS

WHEREAS, a condition has arisen with respect to the appropriation of funds when budget dates have been extended until final adoption of the budget pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:4-19.1; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$133,375.00 is required to be included in the temporary budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that in accordance with N.J.S. 40A:4-19.1:

1. Temporary appropriation is hereby made in the total amount of \$133,375.00.
2. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-79

RESOLUTION RENEWING THE RECOGNITION OF THE DENNIS TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 41, ARTICLE I OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk has received an application from the Dennis Township Senior Citizens Association for renewal of their recognition by the governing body for the promotion of senior citizen activities in the Township of Dennis; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk has reviewed the application in accordance with Chapter 41, Article I, and has submitted a recommendation to the Township Committee for renewal of their recognition.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that the Dennis Township Senior Citizens Association is hereby recognized as an organization for the promotion of senior citizen activities pursuant to Chapter 41, Article I for the year 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-80

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE DENNIS TOWNSHIP RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township's Recreation Department coordinates an annual Summer CAMP Program; and

WHEREAS, the fees for said Program are set forth in Chapter 139, Section 13 (E) of the Code of the Township of Dennis; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 139, Section 13 (E) allows for the amendment of said fees from time to time by resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey that the fees established in Chapter 139, Section 13 (E) for the Summer CAMP Program be amended as follows:

§139-13 Fee Schedule.

- E. Summer CAMP fees. The Dennis Township Recreation Department Summer Camp fees are \$35.00 per day and may be further amended from time to time as needed by resolution. Limited space and enrollment minimums may apply. Morning and evening extended hours may be offered at a rate of \$6.00 per session. Camp is held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-81

RESOLUTION RECINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-157 AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022

WHEREAS, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2020-157 on November 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, said Resolution authorized the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant for FY 2022 as per eligibility notification from the Cape May County Division of Community and Behavioral Health Services “the County” dated 11/05/2020; and

WHEREAS, on 11/13/2020 the Township received notification from the County advising that the State has paused the FY 2022 Municipal Alliance application process due to revisions on their end; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received correspondence from the County dated 04/01/2021 advising that we are again eligible, however, the funding amounts have been changed from those reflected in Resolution No. 2020-157.

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 rescind Resolution No. 2020-157 adopted on 11/10/2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-82

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Cape May; and

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 recognizes the following:

1. The Township Committee does hereby authorize the submission of a strategic plan for the Dennis Township Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year FY 2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) in the amount of:

DEDR	\$6,319.00
Cash Match	\$1,579.75
In-Kind	\$4,739.25

2. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-83

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A
TAX OVERPAYMENT – BLOCK 16, LOT 38.01**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector’s Office has notified the Clerk of a tax overpayment on Block 16, Lot 38.01; and

WHEREAS, the overpayment was a result of the previous property owner inadvertently paying the 2nd quarter taxes after the property was sold; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the overpayment requested to be refunded for Block 16, Lot 38.01 is seven hundred and thirty-seven dollars and forty-eight cents (\$737.48).

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 \$737.48 to the following:

Block 16, Lot 38.01

Carl Saduk
489 Sunset Road
Belleplain, NJ 08270

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

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

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 Turner, seconded by Germanio, with 4 ayes, and 1 absent (Cox), that the payment of the following bills was approved:

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

045714-Advantage Equipment Sales	\$ 70.47
045715-Atlantic City Electric	1,296.77
045716-Animal Control of South Jersey	600.00
045717-Atlantic Cnty. Municipal Joint Insurance Fund	53,317.00
045718-Siteone Landscaping Supply	1,089.04
045719-Belleplaine Emergency Corp.	20,038.73
045720-Blaney, Donohue, Karavan & Weinberg, PC	4,000.00
045721-County of Cape May	638,622.79
045722-John L. Collins	443.85
045723-Comcast	257.92
045724-Nelson B. Creamer	182.32
045725-Crystal Springs	36.19
045726-Dennis Twp. Board of Education	869,290.42
045727-Larry C. Dixon	148.50
045728-East Coast Distributors	443.97
045729-Ford, Scott & Associates, LLC	19,000.00
045730-Fralinger Engineering, PA	9,812.50
045731-Gardner True Value Hardware	337.45
045732-Eric M. Krise Electrical	284.00
045733-Randy A. Grant, Sr.	148.50
045734-Green Technology Services	2,063.88
045735-Gerald C. Harris	227.44
045736-Michele T. Heim	522.28
045737-Roy J. Hope	353.45
045738-K. Gannon Plumbing	415.00
045739-LC Equipment, Inc.	1,488.00
045740-Edward F. Leith, Jr.	361.84
045741-Loveland Garrett & Batastini PA	416.66
045742-Mariann Murphy	195.91
045743-New Jersey Motor Vehicle Comm.	150.00
045744-Ocean View Veterinary Hospital	93.00
045745-Pineland Construction, LLC	39,805.56
045746-Principal Life Insurance Co.	77.54
045747-Seashore Food Distributors, Inc.	162.72
045748-Stephen F. & Debra Asher	109.76
045749-South Jersey Gas	468.41
045750-S.S.C.I.	80.00
045751-Suburban Propane – 2115	3,437.81
045752-Carolyn P. Swagler	148.50
045753-Tax Collector & Treasurer NJ	100.00
045754-Treasurer, State of New Jersey	2,000.00
045755-Verizon Wireless	38.01
045756-Verizon	45.36
045757-Vision Service Plan	745.82

CONSTRUCTION CODE:

None.

GENERAL CHECKING WIRES:

31-NJSHBP	36,972.00
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DOG TRUST:

148-NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services 6.00

ESCROW PINELANDS CONSTRUCTION:

None.

ESCROW R. E. PIERSON CONSTRUCT:

None.

ESCROW TURNER PARTNERS:

None.

ESCROW HRD HOLDINGS:

None.

ESCROW RIVERVIEW PLUMBING HEATING & C:

5-John C. Gibson 2,475.00

ESCROW GOLF CARS UNLIMITED

None.

PLANNING ESCROW:

1054-Fralinger Engineering, PA 532.00

RECREATION TRUST:

1249-Sportswear Plus, Inc. 593.50
1250-Seashore Food Distributors, In. 245.68

The Clerk asked for a motion to approve the Administrative Reports. Motion was made by Matalucci, seconded by Germanio, with 4 ayes and 1 absent (Cox), that the following Administrative Reports were approved:

Municipal Clerk's Report	April, 2021
Registrar's Report	April, 2021
Tax Collector's Report	April, 2021
Construction Official's Report	April, 2021
Chief Finance Officer's Report	April, 2021

The Clerk asked if the Municipal Engineer, Mike Fralinger, had any comments at this time. Mr. Fralinger commented on an upcoming meeting with Mayor Matalucci and Committeeman Germanio regarding the possibility of various road projects and a Capitol Improvement Plan.

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

Hugh Giordano of the UFCW Local 152 apologized for commenting during the consent agenda portion and indicated that it was due to the confusion with the agenda on the website. He asked that his previous comments be moved to this public comment portion and that the Committee consider his comments.

Jamie Van Scriver of SativaCrossing.org commented regarding her concerns with prohibiting smoking in public places and with banning all class of Cannabis Business.

Marina Rebmann commented on the use of medical marijuana and related her experiences with hospitals and cancer treatment and expressed the benefits of accessibility.

Edward “Lefty” Grimes of SativaCrossing.org expressed his concerns with both with both ordinances, prohibiting all class of Cannabis Business and prohibiting the smoking of marijuana in public places. He commented on Christianity, putting the last first, taxation, his medical status and issues the issues that people with wheelchairs face. He asked that we Glorify God and closed with reciting a portion of the poem by Laurence Binyon – For the Fallen.

The Clerk asked if there were any additional comments from those present. There being none she asked for a motion to close the public comment portion, motion was made by Matalucci and seconded by Germanio.

The Clerk asked for comments from the Township Committee.

Committeeman VanArtsdalen indicated that baseball/softball are in full swing at the Rec and that Summer Basketball sign-ups went live today. He shared that there were a lot of kids signed up for Summer Camp and stated that he should have a report on the Summer Camp program for the next meeting.

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

Deputy Mayor Turner commented on changes that Public Works are implementing with the grass at the Rec and Township Hall which is shows much improvement after the rain and he indicated that Public Works is doing a good job.

Mayor Matalucci shared that he and Deputy Mayor Turner have been over at the Rec to see the new gym floor and it looks fantastic and is almost done. He indicated that after the gym floor and HVAC improvements are completed we will be having an Open Gym event that Jessica Bishop, Township Administrator and Christina Jamison from the Rec will be scheduling. He commented on the Route 47 Bridge Project being completed ahead of schedule and indicated that NJDOT and the contractor, Mount Construction did a fantastic job.

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

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