

**TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS
DENNISVILLE, NJ
MAY 25, 2021**

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

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

The Mayor conducted the roll call with VanArtsdalen, Germanio, Cox, Turner and Matalucci present.

The Mayor requested that everyone please rise for the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

The following minutes were approved as part of the Consent Agenda: 05/11/2021 Work Session & Regular Meeting.

The following resolution numbers 2021-84 thru 2021-91 were a part of the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-84

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR A GRANT FOR THE
REPLACEMENT AND/OR REPAIR OF THE BASEBALL FIELD FENCES AT THE DENNIS
TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMPLEX PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennis desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$115,000.00 to carry out a project to replace and/or repair the baseball field fences at the Dennis Township Recreation Complex.

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

- 1) that the Township of Dennis does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
- 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Township of Dennis and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

Jessica Bishop, Township Administrator

Zeth Matalucci, Mayor

ATTEST _____
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk

ATTEST _____
Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-85

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REOPENING MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION
LOCATIONS IN CAPE MAY COUNTY
FOR TITLE AND REGISTRATION APPOINTMENTS**

WHEREAS, in light of COVID-19, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission has limited the locations where title and registration services are provided and on an appointment basis only; and

WHEREAS, the closest location for residents of Dennis Township to make an appointment for title or registration the MVC office in Manahawkin, New Jersey which is approximately 75 miles away; and

WHEREAS, the MVC office in Rio Grande currently does not offer title and registration appointments; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 238 executed on May 3, 2021, Governor Philip D. Murphy determined that given the recent decreases in key statistics, such as the number of hospitalized patients in the State, and the continuation of the State's vaccination plan "the State can take deliberate, incremental steps to lift certain restrictions that were designed to limit person-to-person contact" See Executive Order No. 238, Page 3; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that any benefits of limiting locations where title and registration services can be performed is greatly outweighed by the competing need for the services to be provided locally to Dennis Township and Cape May County residents, where opportunities for public transportation are already more difficult than in less rural areas of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee as follows:

1. The averments of the preamble are incorporated by reference.
2. The Township of Dennis supports the findings of Executive Order No. 238 and respectfully urges the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to reestablish full service at their Cape May County location to provide the full range of services to the residents of the Township of Dennis and Cape May County.
3. All appropriate Township officials are hereby authorized and directed to give effect to this Resolution and make known the Township's official policy regarding these proposed services.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately, according to law.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-86

**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 \$54,920.00 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 \$54,920.00.
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. 2021-87

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE
NEW HARDWOOD MAPLE FLOOR AT THE
TOWNSHIP RECREATION BUILDING**

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennis has contracted with Classic Floor Finishing, Inc., of West Berlin NJ. for Furnishing and Installing a new Hardwood Maple Floor at the Township Recreation Building; and

WHEREAS, the Township Alternate Engineer certifies the project has been completed in substantial compliance with the specifications.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis that the project is accepted and the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to make Final payment to the Contractor.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-88

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-113 provides for the private sale of tax sale certificates held by a municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Dennis desires authorization for the private sale by assignment of certain certificates of tax sale, together with subsequent liens thereon for not less than the amount of liens charged against such real estate; and

WHEREAS, Dominick McDonnell, has offered to take an assignment of certain tax sale certificates upon the payment of the total amount due on said tax sale certificates at the time of said assignment; and

WHEREAS, Notices of the proposed Assignment have been mailed to Nancy J. Signorovitch, the owner on the last tax duplicate, by certified and regular mail, and posted in three public places within the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis as follows:

1. The Collector of Taxes for the Township of Dennis is hereby authorized to sell by private sale by assignment to Dominick McDonnell the following certificate of tax sale, together with subsequent liens thereon for not less than the amount of liens charged against such real estate at the time of the assignment.

Block		Cert	Amt of Sale	Tax Liens	Total Tax	
<u>Lot</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>In Cert</u>	<u>Accrued</u>	<u>Lien</u>
225.01/5C347	Cornelis Vander Unit327	20-00007	9/22/20	\$ 747.88	\$2,252.08	\$2,999.96

The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the necessary assignment documents to effect assignments of the above-referenced Certificates of Sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-89

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO THE CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, the Construction Official issued a Notice and Order of Penalty to Sun Driftwood RV, LLC for Block 261, Lot 11.01 in the amount of \$200.00; and

WHEREAS, Sun Driftwood RV, LLC issued check #1531309 in the amount of \$200.00 for said Penalty; and

WHEREAS, check #1531309 in the amount of \$200.00 was inadvertently made payable and mailed to Dennis Township Tax Collector and subsequently applied to taxes and deposited as such by the Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, Sun Driftwood RV, LLC has requested that said \$200.00 be transferred from Savings Account to the Construction Account to satisfy the Notice and Order of Penalty as it was originally intended.

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 Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the \$200.00 from the Savings Account to the Construction Account to satisfy the Notice and Order of Penalty issued by the Construction Official.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-90

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE BOND FOR RIVERVIEW PLUMBING AND HEATING - BLOCK 225.01, LOT 8.11

WHEREAS, the Administrator to the Consolidated Land Use Board has requested the release of a Planning/Zoning Performance Bond for Block 225.01, Lot 8.11 due to the completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, Township Engineer has authorized the release of the performance bond which is in the form of cash providing that a Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$3,000.00 is provided.

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 release the performance bond in the amount of \$6,368.88 less the \$3,000.00 Maintenance Bond and any remaining escrow fees providing that the professional fees have been satisfied.

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 Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-91

RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY AND ITS LEADERS TO DEDICATE THEIR EFFORTS AND RESOURCES IN MAINTAINING, REPAIRING, AND/OR RESTORING THE COUNTY ROADWAYS THROUGHOUT DENNIS TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the County of Cape May (“County”) currently has approximately seventy (70) roadways throughout the County for which they are responsible for the maintenance of;

WHEREAS, upon information and belief fifteen (15) of those roadways are located within the Township limits of Dennis Township;

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Township Committee that the County roadways located throughout Dennis Township have been neglected by the County for an extended period of time despite the fact that the County collects taxes from Dennis Township residents which gets attributed to, in part, the cost of infrastructure repair and maintenance;

WHEREAS, said neglect has created potentially dangerous driving conditions so as to affect the health, safety, and welfare of both resident drivers of Dennis Township as well as individuals who use these roadways as a means to reach their ultimate driving destinations, including but not limited to, tourists who use the roadways to reach the surrounding barrier islands;

WHEREAS, as a result, the Township Committee is concerned that failing to address these roadways will only lead to more hazardous conditions and will make the roadways more susceptible to motor vehicle accidents; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennis Committee strongly urges the County of Cape May and its leaders to dedicate its efforts and resources in seeing that the County roadways located within Dennis Township are maintained, repaired, and/or restored to safe driving conditions.

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 County of Cape May dedicate their efforts and resources in maintaining, repairing, and/or restoring the County roadways located throughout Dennis Township.
3. The Municipal Clerk shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Cape May County Board of Commissioners and the Cape May County Administrator.

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

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

This being the time and place of the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2021-04. The title was read by the Mayor. The Clerk asked for a motion to open the Hearing for public comment, motion was made by Germanio, seconded by VanArtsdalen, that the Hearing be open for public comment. There being no comment from those present, motion was made by Matalucci, seconded by Cox that the Hearing be closed.

The Clerk asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-04, motion was made by Matalucci, seconded by Germanio with 5 ayes, and no nays, the following ordinance was adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-04

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 147 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS CODE,
PROHIBITING SMOKING MARIJUANA IN PUBLIC AREAS**

ATTEST _____ **ATTEST** _____
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk Zeth A. Matalucci, 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 Turner, seconded by Cox, with 5 ayes and no nays, that the payment of the following bills was approved:

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

045758-Atlantic City Electric	\$ 3,032.00
045759-AT&T	55.97
045760-Blaney Donohue Karavan &	2,578.50
045761-Block Line Systems, LLC	1,319.76
045762-Animal Alliance CMC Inc.	105.00
045763-Cape May County M.U.A.	19,601.00
045764-Cape May County P.W.A.	1,213.16
045765-Classic Sports Floors	38,521.50
045766-Comcast	217.87
045767-Delta Dental of NJ	2,211.26
045768-Eastern Water Conditioning, Inc.	430.00
045769-Rosemarie Essig	483.78
045770-Eric M. Krise Electrical	156.00
045771-Georgia Golf Construction, Inc.	2,900.00
045772-John C. Gibson, P.E.	4,400.00
045773-K. Gannon Plumbing	150.00
045774-Goodman Fiske	2,500.00
045775-Ocean View Veterinary Hospital	130.00
045776-The Press of Atlantic City	1,060.65
045777-Principal Life Insurance Co.	77.54
045778-Carl Saduk	737.48
045779-Staples Advantage	735.40
045780-Upper Township	1,916.29
045781-Verizon Wireless	38.01
045782-Verizon	45.36
045783-Vision Service Plan	745.82
045784-Vital Communications, Inc.	300.00
045785-Xerox Corporation	198.57
045786-Keltex Imprinted Apparel, Inc.	500.00

CONSTRUCTION CODE:

1036-Thomas M. Mills 45.00

GENERAL CHECKING WIRES:

None.

DOG TRUST:

None.

ESCROW PINELANDS CONSTRUCTION:

None.

ESCROW R. E. PIERSON CONSTRUCT:

None.

ESCROW TURNER PARTNERS:

None.

ESCROW HRD HOLDINGS:

None.

ESCROW RIVERVIEW PLUMBING HEATING & C:

None.

ESCROW GOLF CARS UNLIMITED

None.

PLANNING ESCROW:

None.

RECREATION TRUST:

1251-Electro Mech Scoreboard Co.	103.00
1252-L.J. Zucca, Inc.	452.94
1253-Seashore Food Distributors, Inc.	204.88
1254-Jessica Bishop	15.98
1255-Westside Meats	600.00
1256-Wooter Apparel Inc.	213.70

The Mayor asked the Municipal Engineer, Mike Fralinger, if he had any comments this evening. Mr. Fralinger commented on his Engineer’s Report: Chestnut Street & East Avenue NJDOT Grant Project, 2021 Capital Roadway Improvements, and the NJDOT Trust Fund Applications for FY 2022.

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

Municipal Engineer’s Report	05/25/2021
-----------------------------	------------

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

Camille Sailer, representative from the Herald, indicated that she is happy to be here.

The Mayor asked for comments from the Township Committee.

Committeeman VanArtsdalen welcomed everyone back and commented on the long, crazy 1+ year it has been. He commented on June 5th being Movie Night at the baseball field since the baseball season is winding and they will be showing The Rookie and the Baseball concession stand will be open for food/snack purchases. Committeeman VanArtsdalen shared the Summer Basketball numbers and commented on the Gym floor.

Committeeman Germanio the Engineer, Mike Fralinger, for all the projects he has been handling for us. He thanked the Senior Center Director, Rosemarie Essig, for the great job she and her volunteers did with the Drive-Thru Memorial Day Luncheon where they gave out 110 lunches. He closed with indicated that it is great to see everyone back after the 15 months or so of craziness.

Committeeman Cox indicated that it was good to be back and he is looking forward to all the projects we have going. He urged everyone to have a safe weekend.

Deputy Mayor Turner indicated that it is wonderful that everything is coming around and starting to return to normal and that it is good to see everyone.

Mayor Matalucci advised everyone that we are starting our Summer hours from June 1 to September 3, 8:30 am to 6:00 pm Monday – Thursday and closed Fridays. He asked that everyone that has business with the offices to be mindful of the change in hours. .

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the Township Committee Meeting.

Motion was made by Germanio, 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