

**TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS
DENNISVILLE, NJ
AUGUST 24, 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 Clerk conducted the roll call with Germanio, Cox, Turner and Matalucci present, Committeeman VanArtsdalen was absent.

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

The Mayor announced that that at this time we would be having the Public Hearing regarding the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program. The Township's consultant, Mark Blauer of Blauer Associations was present and indicated that the Township is considering a Public Facilities application in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 to undertake ADA Compliance Improvements at the Township Municipal Building and Township Public Works Building located at 571 Petersburg Road, Dennisville, NJ and explained the program. The Clerk asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing for public comment. Motion was made by Turner, seconded by Cox, with all in favor, that the Public Hearing be opened for public comment. Let the record reflect that there were no comments from those present. The Clerk asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Motion was made by Cox, seconded by Germanio, with all in favor, the Public Hearing was closed.

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

There being no comment on consent agenda items, the Mayor asked for a motion adopting the consent agenda, motion was made by Turner, seconded by Germanio, with 4 ayes and 1 absent (VanArtsdalen), that the consent agenda be adopted.

The following minutes were approved as part of the Consent Agenda: 08/10/2021 Work Session & Regular Meeting.

The following resolution numbers 2021-126 thru 2021-137 were a part of the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-126

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FY 2022
SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennis desires to apply for and obtain a FY 2022 grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$400,000 to carry out a Public Facilities project to undertake ADA Compliance Improvements at the Township Municipal Building and Township Public Works Building located at 571 Petersburg Road, Dennisville, NJ 08214.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, 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 to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

(signature)

Jessica Bishop
(typed name)

Township Administrator
(title)

ATTEST _____
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk

ATTEST _____
Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-127

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE STATE MODEL CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR DCA SMALL CITIES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennis is an applicant for Department of Community Affairs Fiscal Year 2021 funds for up to \$400,000 from the NJ DCA Small Cities Program to undertake ADA Compliance Improvements at the Municipal Building and Township Public Works Building located at 571 Petersburg Road, Dennisville, NJ 08214; and

WHEREAS, the Township will enter into grant agreement(s) for said grant(s) if approved; and

WHEREAS, that grant agreement(s) will require the Township of Dennis to comply with all federal regulations with respect to citizen participation; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennis has reviewed the State Model Citizen Participation Plan prepared for Small Cities CDBG grantees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, that;

- 1) The State Model Citizen Participation Plan developed by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Small Cities CDBG is adopted by the Township of Dennis; and
- 2) The Township of Dennis will follow all regulations set forth in that document throughout the term of the grant agreement cited above.

ATTEST _____
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk

ATTEST _____
Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-128

RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING SMALL CITIES FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICER

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennis is applying for Fiscal Year 2022 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant application for up to \$400,000 from the NJ DCA Small Cities Program to undertake ADA Compliance Improvements at the Municipal Building and Township Public Works Building located at 571 Petersburg Road, Dennisville, NJ 08214; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennis must make efforts to affirmatively further fair housing; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennis has reviewed various actions that would be acceptable to the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennis has made assurances in the grant agreement that;

- 1) It will comply with the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and regulations issues thereto; and
- 2) It will comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the regulations issued thereto it; and
- 3) It will comply with the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and will affirmatively further fair housing; and
- 4) It will comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Administrator shall be designated as the Small Cities Program Fair Housing Officer for the Township of Dennis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fair Housing Officer shall contact the USHUD Regional Office of Housing and Equal Opportunity and the NJ Division on Civil Rights, inform those agencies of his/her appointment as Fair Housing Officer and request Fair Housing Information; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fair Housing Officer shall provide fair housing and equal opportunity advisory services and assistance and referral advice to persons requesting such assistance from the Township of Dennis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Dennis will publish in the local newspaper of record and post at the Township Municipal Building a public notice announcing the appointment of the Fair Housing Officer and the availability of local fair housing advisory services.

ATTEST _____
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk

ATTEST _____
Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-129

RESOLUTION APPROVING PUBLIC FACILITIES GRANT MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennis will apply for \$400,000 in Fiscal Year CDBG fund for a Public Facilities project to be implemented in 2022 to undertake ADA Compliance Improvements at the Township Municipal Building and Township Public Works Building located at 571 Petersburg Road, Dennisville, NJ 08214;

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Community Affairs requires Dennis Township to prepare a Grant Management Plan to define project staffing and project activities;

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Community Affairs requires Dennis Township to officially adopt its Grant Management Plan;

WHEREAS, the Township has prepared a Grant Management Plant for its Fiscal Year 2022 Public Facilities project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis adopts the Grant Management Plan for the Fiscal Year 2022 Public Facilities project.

ATTEST _____
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk

ATTEST _____
Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-130

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO INITIATE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE FOR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennis is the recipient of a New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Small Cities CDBG project #2021-02292-0171 in the amount of \$363,479 to provide ADA compliance improvements at the Chestnut Street Park; and

WHEREAS, the project budget includes \$26,852.04 of grant funds to partially pay for engineering services; and

WHEREAS, Federal and State guidelines specify procurement requirements that the Township must follow in order to use grant funds to pay for professional services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey that the Township Administrator is hereby authorized to initiate competitive contracting by publishing a Request for Proposals soliciting engineers to provide professional services proposals specific to Small Cities CBDG project #2021-02292-0323-00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey that the Township Administrator is hereby authorized to evaluate and score the proposals received using the scoring criteria included in the legal notice.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-131

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF VARIOUS CHECKS

WHEREAS, the following checks were issued from various Township of Dennis Accounts:

General Checking Account:

<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Void Reason</u>
45790	06/08/21	170.11	Void Error
45839	06/22/21	300.00	Void & Reissue

Recreation Trust Account:

<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Void Reason</u>
1252	05/25/21	452.94	Void & Reissue
1298	08/10/21	272.00	Void & Reissue

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Chief Finance Officer to void General Checking Account check #45790 and to void and reissue General Checking Account check #45839 and Recreation Trust Account checks #1252 & 1298.

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 void the checks listed herein and reissue the ones deemed necessary.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-132

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A
FULL-TIME SEASONAL LABORER/TRUCK DRIVER FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, the Dennis Township Public Works Department is in need of a full-time Seasonal Laborer/Truck Driver; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator has received applications and 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 the following be hired as a Full-time Seasonal Laborer/Truck Driver for the Department of Public Works: Andrew Payne, 26 Mockingbird Lane, Woodbine, NJ 08270 at the hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour effective 08/30/2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-133

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO RESCIND CERTAIN MANDATORY PROVISIONS
REGARDING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARD**

WHEREAS, on or about June 4, 2021, Governor Murphy signed Assembly Bill No. 5820 into law as P.L.2021, c. 103 and issued Executive Order No. 244, terminating the Public Health Emergency declared in Executive Order No. 103 (2020) but maintained the State of Emergency declared in that same Order; and

WHEREAS, P.L.2021, c. 103 provided that following the termination of the Public Health Emergency declared in Executive Order No. 103 (2020), Governor Murphy may continue to issue orders related to implementation of recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) to prevent or limit the transmission of COVID-19, including in specific settings; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 7, 2021, Governor Murphy announced that the decision to relax mask mandates among students and staff would be at the discretion of individual schools and school districts; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 6, 2021, Governor Murphy signed Executive Order No. 251, which mandated all public, private, and parochial preschool programs and elementary and secondary schools, including charter and renaissance schools (collectively “school districts”), to maintain a policy regarding mandatory use of face masks by staff, students, and visitors in the indoor portion of the school district premises, except in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Dennis Township is of the opinion that the decision as to whether or not to require face masks within a specific school district’s premises should be made by the local Board of Education as they are most familiar with the strengths, weaknesses, wants and needs of their schools and their school community; and

WHEREAS, the Dennis Township Board of Education is in the best position to implement, remove, or revise COVID-19 mitigation strategies based on facts specific to the local region and school district; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Dennis Township believes that the Dennis Township Board of Education should address these concerns and determine a consensus in support of home rule on these issues;

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

1. The statements that are set forth in the Preamble are true and accurate. All of the statements of the Preamble are repeated and incorporated herein by this reference thereto and are made a part hereof as if each and every statement was set forth fully herein.
2. The Mayor and Township Committee urges Governor Phil Murphy and the New Jersey Department of Education to rescind all mandatory provisions within Executive Order No. 251 that require mask wearing within our School District, as well as all mandatory provisions concerning mask wearing within Executive Order No. 175, that outlines “The Road Back: Restart Attachments and Recovery Plan for Education,” and any additional supplemental guidance to either, including, are subject to change without notice but not limited to, the mandatory use of face masks by all students, staff and visitors to a school building; and
3. That all mandatory provisions be replaced with guidance that can be considered and implemented by boards of education given their knowledge and understanding of the impact of these provisions on the students and staff in their school district; and
4. Township Committee of Dennis Township urges the Dennis Township Board of Education to adopt a resolution substantially similar to this resolution;
5. That Mayor Zeth Matalucci on behalf of the Township of Dennis be authorized to draft a letter to Governor Phil Murphy and the New Jersey Department of Education, and/or other appropriate agencies or representatives, urging them to consider the contents of this Resolution; and
6. That a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the following:
 - a. Governor Phil Murphy;
 - b. State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney;
 - c. Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin;
 - d. Senator Michael L. Testa, Jr. of the 1st Legislative District;
 - e. Assemblyman Antwan L. McClellan of the 1st Legislative District;
 - f. Assemblyman Erik K. Simonsen of the 1st Legislative District;
 - g. Angelica Allen-McMillian, Acting Commissioner New Jersey Department of Education;
 - h. Cape May County Interim Executive County Superintendent Dr. Judith Destefano-Anen;
 - i. Dennis Township School District President, Nichol Hoff

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-134

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE REMOVAL OF SPEED TABLES AND ASSOCIATED STRIPPING & SIGNAGE FROM THE PROPOSED PLANS OF THE DENNISVILLE-PETERSBURG ROAD (COUNTY ROUTE 610) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the County of Cape May has proposed improvements to the Dennisville-Petersburg Road (County Route 610); and

WHEREAS, the Township has been made aware that said proposed plans include Speed Tables with the associated stripping, signage, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believe that the Speed Tables should be removed from the proposed plans for the Dennisville-Petersburg Road (County Route 610) Improvement Project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that the Governing Body hereby formally requests the removal of the Speed Tables and Associated Stripping & Signage from the proposed plans of the Dennisville-Petersburg Road (County Route 619) Improvement Project.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-135

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS AND
THE DENNIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR A SCHOOL SECURITY SPECIALIST**

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennis and the Dennis Township Board of Education have a vested interest in preserving the safety of the children attending the Township school system; and

WHEREAS, a Shared Services Agreement has been prepared to allow that each shall incur salary expenses for the services of a School Security Specialists under terms agreeable to the Township and the Board of Education, a copy of which is annexed to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Township is authorized to enter into such agreements under the authority of N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennis finds that such an agreement in this instance would be in the interests of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis in the County of Cape May and the State of New Jersey, duly assembled in public session this 24th day of August, 2021, as follows:

1. The Preamble of this Resolution is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference;
2. The aforementioned and annexed Shared Services Agreement is hereby approved;
3. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the said Shared Services Agreement on behalf of the Township of Dennis.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-136

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE
NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 b and designated below:

Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease of Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds: Any matter involving, the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, assembled in public session on August 24, 2021, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on August 24, 2021 prior to the close of the above night's meeting in the Dennis Township Municipal Complex, 571 Petersburg Road, Dennisville, New Jersey, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designed above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-137

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF CONDUCT AND DECORUM FOR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis highly values the input of the citizens in making important decisions which affect the residents of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis believes in the rights of citizens to observe Township Committee Meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis wishes to ensure that all of its citizens have the opportunity to attend Township Committee Meetings and offer comment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis recognizes that freedom of speech is protected by the First Amendment and is the hallmark of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(a), Township Committee is required to set aside a portion of each public meeting for public comment on issues which may be of a concern to the public, the length of which portion to be determined by Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:49-2(b) governing the procedure for passage of municipal ordinances requires that all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the ordinance and the opportunity to be heard shall include the right to ask pertinent questions concerning the ordinance by any resident of the municipality or any other person affected by the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:63-6(b)(1) authorizes the Township Committee to pass, adopt, and repeal any ordinance or, where permitted, any resolution for any purpose required for the government of the municipality or for the accomplishment of any public purpose for which the municipality is authorized to act under general law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, in the County of Cape May, and State of New Jersey, hereby enacts the following guidelines for making public comments:

THE RULES OF CONDUCT AND DECORUM FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Rules of Conduct and Decorum for public participation during Committee meetings for addressing Township Committee during public hearings on ordinances or resolutions which require public hearings or during the public portion of the Committee meetings are as follows:

1. All members attending Township Committee Meetings must treat each other, the Mayor, Committee, and Township employees with respect.
2. Shouting out from the audience without being recognized to speak is strictly prohibited.
3. No person shall, at any time, engage in any personally offensive or abusive remarks to the Mayor, Committee, Township employee or any other member of the public.
4. No person shall engage in any express or implied speech that involves any other person's race, color, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin or ethnicity, or any other protected class.
5. The Township Mayor may restrict, limit or prohibit any speech, remarks or questions that are repetitive or not germane to any matter not within the jurisdiction of Township Committee.
6. Persons making public comment may not yield their time to another speaker and each individual is limited to speaking once during a particular public comment period for a period of time not to exceed five (5) minutes but may be less at the Mayor's discretion based upon the amount of public participation that is anticipated.
7. The Township Solicitor shall be the Parliamentarian.
8. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with these Rules and Roberts Rules of Order for items not covered in these regulations.
9. Members of the public who make comments or ask questions that are germane to an ordinance or resolution that is under consideration or during the general public portion of the Committee meeting for matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Township Committee shall be allowed to do so in an uninterrupted manner unless the member is not adhering to these Rules of Conduct and Decorum.
10. The Mayor, members of Township Committee, and Township employees reserve the right to answer questions and respond to comments.
11. All questions and comment shall be through the Mayor unless waived.

ATTEST _____
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk

ATTEST _____
Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

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

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

046000-Atlantic City Electric	\$ 6,325.81
046001-AT&T	55.31
046002-Animal Control of South Jersey	600.00
046003-Blaney Donohue Karavan & Weinberg	1,687.50
046004-Blauer Associates	1,800.00
046005-Block Line Systems, LLC	1,309.78
046006-Broadley's MDI	715.92
046007-Cape May County M.U.A.	18,168.09
046008-Cape May County P.W.A.	1,754.84
046009-Cody's Power Equipment	216.42
046010-Comcast	216.15
046011-Crystal Springs	155.58
046012-Daley's Pit	800.00
046013-Edmunds & Associates, Inc.	7,332.50
046014-General Code	1,863.29
046015-Georgia Golf Construction, Inc.	1,500.00
046016-NAPA Auto Parts	95.46
046017-LC Equipment, Inc.	105.00
046018-Petty Cash c/o Jessica Bishop	30.90
046019-The Press of Atlantic City	199.04
046020-New Jersey Registrars' Assoc.	86.00
046021-Seashore Food Distributors, Inc.	598.89
046022-Cooltronics, Inc.	955.32
046023-South Jersey Gas	81.81
046024-Stples Advantage	184.14
046025-Upper Township	1,618.62
046026-Verizon Wireless	38.01
046027-Verizon	45.66
046028-Vital Communications, Inc.	100.00
046029-Cintas Corporation	62.84

CONSTRUCTION CODE:

None.

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.

ESCROW JOHN C. GIBSON

None.

ESCROW JOYCE BREWER

89-Fralinger Engineering, PA	467.50
90-Loveland Garrett & Batastini, PA	360.00

PLANNING ESCROW:

None.

RECREATION TRUST:

1300-Cape May County Park & Zoo	80.00
1301-Dennis Twp. Board of Education	15,762.79
1302-The Gem & Grocery & Gas	380.46
1303-Jamie VanArtsdalen	552.50
1304-Oriental Trading	1,086.47
1305-Petty Cash c/o Jessica Bishop	370.33

Let the record reflect that there were no Administrative Reports.

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

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

The Mayor asked for comments from the Township Committee.

Committeeman Germanio indicated that Mr. Fralinger, the Municipal Engineer, is unable to attend tonight and he gave an update of various Engineering items: Stoney Court drainage, County Road improvements, Bid Projects Chestnut Street & East Ave & 2021 Capital Roadway Improvements, NJDOT Municipal Aid Application for Sunny & Shady Lanes, and the ADA Grant. Committeeman Germanio thanked on behalf of the entire Township Committee Commissioner Will Morey, C.M.C. Open Space Board Chairman Pete Lomax, the Planning Director Leslie Gimenio and the entire Open Space Board for their help in closing the budget gap with the Chestnut Street Park Improvement Project. He shared that the Senior Center will be having their Drive-Thru Luncheons on October 27th for Halloween and November 17th for Thanksgiving. He thanked Mrs. Essig, her husband Paul and the volunteers for making the B-B-Q Luncheon such a great success.

Committeeman Cox indicated that he had no comments this evening.

Deputy Mayor Turner commented on the FDA approving the vaccine and issues with the October deadline.

Mayor Matalucci commented on Resolution #2021-133, Urging the Governor and the New Jersey Department of Education to Rescind Certain Mandatory Provisions Regarding the Covid-19 Public Health Hazard and clarified that it takes politics out of the issue and allows local Board of Educations to makes decisions to mask or unmask the children.

Township Administrator, Jessica Bishop, discussed the Chestnut Street Park Improvements and the need to transfer an access easement on Green Acres encumbered parkland to the NJDEP and the necessary requirements, i.e. Public Notice, Hearing, etc.

The Mayor indicated that at this time the Township Committee will be going into an Executive Session. Motion was made by Turner, seconded by Germanio, that the regular meeting be in recess as the Committee convene the Executive Session.

The Mayor asked for a motion to reconvene the regular meeting, motion was made by Germanio, seconded by Turner, all in favor, that the regular meeting be reconvened at this time.

The Mayor asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-138, Authorizing the Township Solicitor to Negotiate an Agreement of Sale to Purchase Real Property Identified as Block 54, Lot 11, Located in the Township of Dennis. Motion was made by Germanio, seconded by Cox, with 4 ayes and 1 absent (VanArtsdalen) that the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-138

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT OF SALE TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 54, LOT 11, LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS.

WHEREAS, the real property known as Block 54, Lot 11 (“property”), located in the Township of Dennis, is available for purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis has determined that the property is in a location that would be extremely beneficial to the Township with regard to various contemplated public improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis desires to have the Township Solicitor negotiate an Agreement of Sale for said property to determine if acquiring the property would be feasible; and

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

1. The averments set forth above are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. That the Township Solicitor be and hereby is authorized to negotiate with the property owner on an Agreement of Sale.
3. Any negotiations that take place between the Township Solicitor and the property owner do not constitute a binding agreement.
4. Any proposed agreement that is negotiated with respect to the purchase of the property will require additional Township Committee approval prior to creating a binding agreement.

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

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

Motion was made by Turner, 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