

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

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

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

The following minutes were approved as part of the Consent Agenda: 08/24/2021 Regular Meeting.

The following resolution numbers 2021-139 thru 2021-147 were a part of the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-139

**RESOLUTION RENEWING THE RECOGNITION OF THE DENNIS TOWNSHIP
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION, DENNIS TOWNSHIP BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION, AND THE DENNIS TOWNSHIP FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING
ASSOCIATION, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 139, ARTICLE 2
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS**

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director has received applications from the following Dennis Township Associations: Baseball/Softball, Basketball, and Football & Cheerleading for renewal of their recognition by the governing body for the promotion of recreation activities in the Township of Dennis; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director has reviewed the applications in accordance with Chapter 139, Article 2, 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 Baseball/Softball Association, Dennis Township Basketball Association, and Dennis Township Football & Cheerleading Association are hereby recognized as organizations for the promotion of recreational activities pursuant to Chapter 139, Article 2 for the year 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-140

**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 September 14, 2021, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on September 14, 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. 2021-141

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT FOR THE STARFISH EQUINE RESCUE

WHEREAS, the organization known as the Starfish Equine Rescue has requested permission from the State of New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for a Social Affair Permit; and

WHEREAS, the request has been made to dispense alcoholic beverages on October 23, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Dennis Township Recreational Facilities as a fundraiser to benefit Starfish Equine Rescue to Rescue and Dennis Township Sports Programs ; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk has certified that not more than 25 special permits have been authorized for these premises during this calendar year.

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 authorized and directed to sign the aforementioned permit application.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-142

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CAPE MAY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority (“CMCMUA”/”Authority”) owns and operates a solid waste system (“System”) which presently serves the entire County of Cape May in the State of New Jersey, for the disposal, transfer, and recycling of solid waste; and

WHEREAS, the CMCMUA’s System is comprised of the CMCMUA Secure Sanitary Landfill, Solid Waste Transfer Station, and Intermediate Processing Facility, as well as several recycling operations and programs; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennis has utilized and desires to continue to utilize the services of the CMCMUA’s System; and

WHEREAS, there presently exists a contract between the Township of Dennis and the Authority for the use of the CMCMUA’s System for the disposal, transfer, and recycling of solid waste entitled “Shared Services Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services” (“Agreement”) which will expire on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennis and the Authority desire to enter into a new Agreement and to fix the expiration date of said Agreement to occur on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has offered the “Shared Services Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services” to the Township of Dennis in order to more efficiently provide and continue to offer municipalities within Cape May County the use of the CMCMUA’s Solid Waste System from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has submitted the same proposal form of Agreement to all Cape May County Municipalities which will provide for both solid waste disposal and certain recycling services through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, authorizes a municipality to enter into a contract with any other local unit for the sharing of governmental services.

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 of Dennis shall enter into a contract with the Authority entitled “Shared Services Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services”, effective January 1, 2022, in the form to be maintained on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk, and that the appropriate Township Officials are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-143

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A
SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennis will receive additional funds in the amount of \$3,118.00 from the County of Cape May and wishes to amend its 2021 Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

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 hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2021 in the sum of \$3,118.00 which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Off-Set with Appropriations:

Municipal Alliance Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$3,118.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(A) Operations Excluded from “Caps” - Public and Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues:
Municipal Alliance Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$779.50 representing the amount required for the municipality’s share of the aforementioned undertaking or improvement appears in the budget of the year 2021 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(A) Operations Excluded from “Caps” - Public and Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues:
Municipal Alliance Grant – Local Match

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward the necessary documentation to the Director of Local Government Services.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-144

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennis will receive funds in the amount of \$363,479.00 from the State of New Jersey and wishes to amend its 2021 Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

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 hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2021 in the sum of \$363,479.00 which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Off-Set with Appropriations:

Small Cities CDBG Grant – ADA Chestnut Street Park

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$363,479.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(B) Operations Excluded from “Caps” - Public and Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues:
Small Cities CDBG Grant – ADA Chestnut Street Park

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$36,347.96 representing the amount required for the municipality's share of the aforementioned undertaking or improvement appears in the budget of the year 2021 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(B) Operations Excluded from "Caps" - Public and Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues:
Small Cities CDBG Grant – ADA Chestnut Street Park - Local Match

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward the necessary documentation to the Director of Local Government Services.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-145

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS TO CONVEY CERTAIN PROPERTY TO THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY FOR THE RESURFACING OF DENNISVILLE PETERSBURG ROAD (C.R. 610) FROM U.S. ROUTE 47 TO THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX AND THE EXECUTION OF REQUIRED TEMPORARY EASEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Cape May (hereinafter "County"), in conjunction with the Townships of Dennis, recognize the need for improvements to the roadway along Dennisville Petersburg Road (County Road 610) in the Township of Dennis to allow for the safe travel; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the Dennisville Petersburg Road (CR610) Resurfacing Improvements project requires some minor work activities, such as driveway aprons and sidewalk construction and/or reconstruction, that extends beyond the County Road right-of-way and on to various property owned by the Township of Dennis; and

WHEREAS, in order to perform work on property beyond the County Right of Way, the acquisition of property by the County from the Township is required to permit such work as represented by the attached parcel plans and legal descriptions of said properties; and has been reviewed by the Dennis Township Committee.

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

1. All of the above recitals are incorporated herein by reference as if repeated at length.
2. The Township of Dennis shall execute the Memorandums of Intent provided by the County memorializing their intent to convey a portion of property to the County for the road resurfacing project as referenced above.
3. County Counsel shall provide the Township with any and all necessary deeds for execution of the property transfer and reimbursement as reference in the correspondence from the County Engineer once the Memorandums have been signed and returned to the County.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-146

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDDING THE BID(S) FOR THE CHESTNUT STREET AND A PORTION OF EAST AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Township received bids on September 14, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. for the Chestnut Street and a Portion of East Avenue Reconstruction Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township received four (4) bids from various vendors (summary of bids sheet is attached); and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Engineer has reviewed the bids and made his 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 this governing body hereby awards the bid for the Chestnut Street and a Portion of East Avenue Reconstruction Project, under condition of approval of the Township Solicitor, to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Ricky Slade Construction, Inc., 54 Slade Lane, Bridgeton, NJ 08302 for the bid amount of Base - \$262,704.80 and Alternate #1 - \$9,100.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is in receipt of the Certificate of Availability of Funds for this award from the Chief Financial Officer.

ATTEST _____
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk

ATTEST _____
Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-147

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AWARDING THE BID(S) FOR THE 2021 CAPITAL ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Township received bids on September 14, 2021 at 10:15 A.M. for the 2021 Capital Roadway Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township received four (4) bids from various vendors (summary of bids sheet is attached); and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Engineer has reviewed the bids and made his 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 this governing body hereby awards the bid for the 2021 Capital Roadway Improvements Project, under condition of approval of the Township Solicitor, to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Ricky Slade Construction, Inc., 54 Slade Lane, Bridgeton, NJ 08302 for the bid amount of \$214,743.10.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is in receipt of the Certificate of Availability of Funds for this award from the Chief Financial Officer.

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

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

046030-Dennis Twp. 8 th Grade Class	\$ 300.00
046031-Advantage Equipment Sales	321.75
046032-Atlantic City Electric	2,225.28
046033-Amazon.Com Services, Inc.	276.20
046034-Animal Control of South Jersey	600.00
046035-Archer & Greiner, PC	3,561.23
046036-The Bank of New York Mellon	254,775.00
046037-Belleplaine Emergency Corp.	20,038.73
046038-Blaney, Donohue, Karavan & Weinberg, PC	5,755.00
046039-Blaney, Donohue, Karavan & Weinberg, PC	67.50
046040-Cape May County M.U.A.	17,466.85
046041-John L. Collins	495.80
046042-Comcast	327.87
046043-Nelson B. Creamer	192.50
046044-Crystal Springs	65.22
046045-Dennis Twp. Fire District #1	97,750.00
046046-Dennis Twp. Fire District #2	85,043.75
046047-Dennis Twp. Fire District #3	46,358.21
046048-Dennis Twp. Board of Education	942,482.75
046049-Delta Dental of NJ	2,211.26
046050-Monica M. Di Vito	194.49
046051-Larry C. Dixon	148.50
046052-East Coast Distributors	409.75
046053-Rosemarie Essig	83.92
046054-Fralinger Engineering, PA	23,336.24
046055-Future Pro, Inc.	499.00
046056-Randy A. Grant, Sr.	148.50
046057-Green Technology Services	3,190.66
046058-Michele T. Heim	576.27
046059-Cape May County Herald	395.04
046060-Roy J. Hope	297.00
046061-JP Monzo Municipal Consulting	50.00
046062-LC Equipment, Inc.	256.00
046063-Edward F. Leith, Jr.	148.50
046064-Masune First Aid & Safety	71.67
046065-Mariann Murphy	148.50
046066-Pineland Construction, LLC	39,805.56
046067-The Press of Atlantic City	228.80
046068-Principal Life Insurance Co.	63.76
046069-Rutgers, The State University of NJ	634.00
046070-South Jersey Water Cond Service	1,175.00
046071-S.S.C.I.	238.00
046072-Carolyn P. Swagler	148.50
046073-Upper Township	1,468.13
046074-BSN Sports, Inc.	675.00
046075-Verizon Wireless	38.01
046076-Vision Service Plan	745.82
046077-W. B. Mason Co., Inc.	471.60
046078-Xerox Corporation	177.92

CONSTRUCTION CODE:

1038-W. B. Mason Co., Inc.	117.90
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GENERAL CHECKING WIRES:

35-NJSHBP	36,987.82
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DOG TRUST:

ESCROW PINELANDS CONSTRUCTION:

None.

ESCROW R. E. PIERSON CONSTRUCT:

None.

ESCROW TURNER PARTNERS:

None.

ESCROW HRD HOLDINGS:

None.

ESCROW JOHN C. GIBSON:

None.

ESCROW DENNIS 47 DEVELOPERS:

None.

PLANNING ESCROW:

1058-Fralinger Engineering, PA	321.00
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RECREATION TRUST:

1306-Elite Party Entertainment	272.00
1307-L.J. Zucca, Inc.	452.94
1308-Dennis Twp. Board of Education	201.59
1309-Acme (Supervalu)	81.21
1310-Advantage Rental Center, Inc.	283.56
1311-Crown Awards	140.70
1312-Dennis Twp. Basketball Assoc.	3,000.00
1313-Dennis Twp. Board of Education	19,704.00
1314-Vincent Povio, III	300.00

At this time the Municipal Engineer, Mike Fralinger, gave updates on the bids that were received today for the Chestnut Street & Portion of East Ave Reconstruction Project and the 2021 Capital Roadway Improvement Project, the Contractor, Stoney Court drainage issue, the County Paving Projects. The Committee discussed the County Roads Paving Projects with the Engineer and expressed disappointment with the County. The Mayor commented on issues with Hoffman Drive and the need for Speed Humps on School House Road and County Road due to summer traffic and the Engineer gave his recommendations and commented on the NJDOT Municipal Aid application process.

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

Municipal Clerk's Report	August, 2021
Registrar's Report	August, 2021
Tax Collector's Report	August, 2021
Construction Official's Report	August, 2021
Chief Finance Officer's Report	August, 2021
Engineer's Report	09/14/2021

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

The Township OEM Coordinator, John Berg, commented on Grants received to acquire additional radios for Ocean View & Belleplain Fire Companies. Committeeman Germanio commented on the radios and the Committee thanked John Berg for his efforts and Mr. Berg thanked the County OEM for their assistance. The Committee and Mr. Berg commented on what an asset the radios will be to the fire companies.

The Mayor asked for comments from the Township Committee.

Committeeman VanArtsdalen commented on the new HVAC project at the Rec and its timeline. He indicated that Football/Cheerleading had their first game this weekend and it's crazy out at the Chestnut Street Park. He also shared that Fall Soccer is going great. Committeeman VanArtsdalen shared that a lot of kids registered for Football and Soccer and it is awesome.

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

Deputy Mayor Turner shared that the School has had no requests for exemptions from the mask mandate and he commented on various capital purchases/project at the School and the upcoming Special Election they will be having to approve the costs. He commented on the process of the School Capital Project and the 34% the School receives back from the State. The Township Administrator, Jessica Bishop, commented School Capital Project and suggested they attend a Township Committee meeting to help make taxpayers aware of the process. There was a general discussion regarding the Special Election.

The Township's OEM Coordinator, John Berg, commented on including a generator for the School in the recent update to the County Mitigation Plan.

Township Administrator, Jessica Bishop, stated that the tax quarter closed on September 13th. She indicated that before the Labor Day Weekend we had to close the Offices due to a COVID outbreak and she thanked the residents for being patient. She shared that all employees are back and healthy.

Mayor Matalucci commended on Ale-O-Ween scheduled for October 23rd.

The Clerk indicated that at this time the Township Committee will be going into an Executive Session.

The Mayor asked for a motion to recess the regular meeting, motion was made by Turner, seconded by Germanio, that the regular meeting go into recess at this time.

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

The Township Solicitor indicated that no formal action was needed.

Let the record reflect that during the Executive Session Committeeman VanArtsdalen had to leave due to a prior commitment.

Motion was made by Turner, 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