

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 flag salute be carried over from the Work Session.

The Clerk conducted the roll call: VanArtsdalen (via telephone), 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 Germanio, 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: 10/26/2021 Regular Meeting.

The following resolution numbers 2021-169 thru 2021-171 were a part of the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-169

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF A
TAX OVERPAYMENT – BLOCK 54, LOT 8**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has notified the Clerk of a tax overpayment on Block 54, Lot 8; and

WHEREAS, the overpayment was a result of the Mortgage Company and the property owner making duplicate payments; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the overpayment requested to be refunded for Block 54, Lot 8 is nine hundred thirty dollars and twenty-four cents (\$930.24).

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 total amount of \$930.24 to: Robert W. Guntner, 1691 Route 47, Woodbine, NJ 08270.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-170

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A
PLANNING/ZONING ESCROW FEE**

WHEREAS, the Administrator to the Planning and Zoning Boards has requested the refund of a Planning/Zoning Escrow Fee; and

WHEREAS, said Planning/Zoning application project has been substantially completed or withdrawn and the escrow fund balance remains.

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 refund the following Planning/Zoning Escrow balance:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Applicant</u>
236	6.19	\$ 2,003.75	James Sofronev, Jr. 4 Raymond Road Ocean View, NJ 08230

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. 2021-171

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 Employment Relationship: Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

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 November 09, 2021, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on November 09, 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

The Mayor indicated that we were moving on to the regular 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:

046211-571 Petersburg Road LLC	\$	1,227.12
046212-Acme (Supervalu)		556.96
046213-Atlantic City Electric		89.35
046214-A.M.A.N.J.		70.00
046215-Amazon.Com Services, Inc.		118.68
046216-Animal Control of South Jersey		600.00
046217-The Alaimo Group, Inc.		300.00
046218-Deborah M. Berg		355.00
046219-Belleplaine Emergency Corp.		20,038.73
046220-Blaney, Donohue, Karavan & Weinberg, PC		4,000.00
046221-Kathleen Bresan		355.00
046222-Broadley's MDI		175.00
046223-Calvary Baptist Church		1,500.00
046224-Cape May County P.W.A.		1,709.48
046225-County of Cape May		742,083.93
046226-John L. Collins		415.53
046227-Comcast		257.92
046228-Kelly Cramer		355.00
046229-Nelson B. Creamer		148.50
046230-Alice Dahlmann		330.00
046231-Dennis Twp. Board of Education		886,676.25
046232-Larry C. Dixon		202.76
046233-Albert F. Donahue		330.00
046234-Rosemarie Essig		67.59
046235-Fralinger Engineering, PA		305.68
046236-Nina Fuqua		330.00
046237-Randy A. Grant, Sr.		148.50
046238-Green Technology Services		1,925.35
046239-Marie T. Trout		355.00
046240-Charles Haig		355.00
046241-Michele T. Heim		376.60
046242-Roy J. Hope		297.00
046243-JP Monzo Municipal Consulting		50.00
046244-Heidi Kern		355.00
046245-Peter A. Leitch		330.00
046246-Edward F. Leith, Jr.		148.50
046247-Robin S. Light		330.00
046248-Mark Grant		148.50
046249-Mariann Murphy		169.24
046250-Ocean View Volunteer Fire Co.		375.00
046251-Pineland Construction, LLC		39,805.56
046252-Principal Life Insurance Co.		70.65
046253-Eurofins QC, LLC		235.00
046254-Shop-Rite		14.77
046255-Sandra P. Simmerman		330.00
046256-Gertrude Singer		330.00
046257-S.S.C.I.		80.00
046258-Suburban Propane – 2115		169.96
046259-Carolyn P. Swagler		148.50
046260-360 Business Solution, Inc.		120.00
046261-William F. Lathers		330.00
046262-Noel Turner		330.00
046263-Florence Vagratan		355.00
046264-Vision Service Plan		745.82
046265-Carol Weygand		355.00
046266-Cheryl Macellaro		330.00
046267-Norman Spurgeon		330.00
046268-Kathy L. Greene		330.00
046269-Charles M. Greene		330.00
046270-Susan Mullins		330.00
046271-Billy Mullins		330.00

046272-Regina Hankins	330.00
046273-Linda Glass	330.00
046274-Michael Vagratan	330.00
046275-Christine Champagne	330.00

CONSTRUCTION CODE:

None.

GENERAL CHECKING WIRES:

38-NJSHBP	46,637.67
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DOG TRUST:

153-NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services	16.80
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ESCROW PINELANDS CONSTRUCTION:

None.

ESCROW R. E. PIERSON CONSTRUCT:

None.

ESCROW ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC

50-Atlantic City Elecric	3,447.50
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ESCROW TURNER PARTNERS:

None.

ESCROW HRD HOLDINGS:

72-Fralinger Engineering, PA	160.50
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ESCROW JOHN C. GIBSON:

91-Fralinger Engineering, PA	661.00
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ESCROW WILLIAM HILTON, JR.

17-Hilton, William Jr.	2,500.00
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ESCROW DENNIS 47 DEVELOPERS:

None.

ESCROW DRIFTWOOD RV CENTER:

None.

PLANNING ESCROW:

1061-Saduk, Anthony	775.00
1062-School House Development Assoc.	699.75
1063-Kleinstuber, George	77.26

RECREATION TRUST:

1326-Greater Wildwood Youth Soccer	21.78
1327-Seashore Food Distributors, Inc.	45.57

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

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

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

Joe Berg from Belleplain indicated that the Committee is doing a great job.

John Berg of South Seaville congratulated Committeeman Germanio on his election win.

The Mayor asked for comments from the Township Committee.

Committeeman VanArtsdalen congratulated Committeeman Germanio of his being re-elected to the Dennis Township Committee.

Deputy Mayor Turner congratulated Committeeman Germanio of his being re-elected to the Dennis Township Committee.

Mayor Matalucci indicated that he had no comments at this time and joked that he congratulates Committee Germanio every day.

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

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

The Clerk indicated that formal action is anticipated after the Executive Session. Motion was made by Germanio, seconded by Turner, that the regular meeting be in recess as the Committee convene the Executive Session.

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

The Solicitor indicated that formal action in the form of Resolution No. 2021-172 was required and the Mayor asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-172.

Motion was made by Germanio, seconded by VanArtsdalen, with 3 ayes, 1 abstaining (Turner) and 1 absent (Cox), the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-172

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE ISSUANCE OF FINAL NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2019-03 the Township Committee authorizes the Township Administrator to issue Preliminary Notices of Disciplinary Action; and

WHEREAS, on or about October 28, 2021 a Preliminary Notice of Disciplinary Action was issued to a Township employee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has since been apprised of, and has considered the Administrator's determinations and recommendations with respect to discipline; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is of the opinion that the determinations and recommendations on discipline set forth by the Administrator are appropriate and warrant the issuance of a Final Notice of Disciplinary Action outlined below related to said Township employee; 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 above are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. The appropriate discipline with respect to the Preliminary Notice of Disciplinary Action issued on or about October 28, 2021 is removal effective November 6, 2021.
3. The issuance of a Final Notice of Disciplinary Action to said employee is hereby authorized.
4. The Township Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the final notice of disciplinary action.

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

Let the record reflect that the Municipal Engineer had updated the Committee on the following projects prior to his departure:

Chestnut Street Project – All the stormwater improvements have been installed and the contractor plans to start milling/paving next week.

2021 Capital Road Improvements – The contractor will begin the Tressler Road drainage improvements this week.

Chestnut Street Park Improvements – Our survey crew will be on site this week to perform the topographic survey.

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

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