

**TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS
DENNISVILLE, NJ
FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

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 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: 02/08/2022 Work Session & Regular Meeting.

The following resolution numbers 2022-51 thru 2022-55 were a part of the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-51

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE GYPSY MOTH TO BE A
PUBLIC NUISANCE**

WHEREAS, the gypsy moth *Lymantria dispar*, has found heavily defoliating tree and plant growth in the Township of Dennis; and

WHEREAS, continued destruction of foliage may result in loss of valuable forest lands and trees; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis has determined that a gypsy moth control program should be instituted with the State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture and that application for any Federal or State funds available be authorized.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that the gypsy moth is declared to be a public nuisance and the protection of vegetation or plant life therefrom is deemed to be a subject matter of public welfare, and that all measures deemed necessary, in compliance with the State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture recommendations, is hereby authorized to suppress this forest and shade tree pest.

ATTEST _____
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk

ATTEST _____
Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-52

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MICHAEL MORANO AS THE DENNIS TOWNSHIP
CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL**

WHEREAS, Dennis Township Ordinance requires the appointment of a Construction Official in the Township of Dennis; and

WHEREAS, Michael Morano has served as the Township Construction Official since March 13, 2018, and is duly qualified and holds the required License for said position.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that Michael Morano is hereby reappointed Construction Official, effective 03/13/2022, for a four-year term in accordance with the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-53

RESOLUTION REQUESTING TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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 make the transfer(s) FROM and TO the APPROPRIATIONS for the year 2021 named herein.

SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE

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

TRANSFER RESOLUTION ATTACHMENT 2/22/2022

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>
Utilities - Electric	1-01-31-430-071		
Utilities - Telephone	1-01-31-440-076	1,000.00	
			1,000.00
		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-54

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE
2021 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c. 102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is promulgating recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including, but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and indicate the assent of the Township Committee to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure that the application is properly, completed and timely filed.

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 hereby endorses the submission of a Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Recycling and designates Jessica Bishop, 571 Petersburg Road, P.O. Box 204, Dennisville, NJ 08214, to ensure that the said application is properly filed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the monies received from the Recycling Tonnage Grant be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-55

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A CONTACT PERSON FOR THE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY ATTORNEY CONSULTATION SERVICE – ATLANTIC COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Dennis hereinafter referred to as “MUNICIPALITY”, is a member of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, hereinafter referred to as “FUND”; and

WHEREAS, the FUND has adopted a policy authorizing the Employment Practices Liability Attorney Consultation Service; and

WHEREAS, the FUND has budgeted an annual allowance for each member for EPL consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the FUND requires the MUNICIPALITY to designate specific managerial or supervisory individuals who will have telephone access to the EPL Hotline.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Township of Dennis, does here by appoint Jessica Bishop, CFO as its Contact Person.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body does hereby appoint Jacqueline B. Justice as an additional Contact Person.

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.

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 VanArtsdalen, seconded by Cox, with 5 ayes, no nays, that the payment of the following bills was approved:

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

046524-Advantage Rental Center, Inc.	\$	294.40
046525-Atlantic City Electric		4,352.85
046526-Amazon.com Services, Inc.		149.96
046527-The Bank of New York Mellon		11,625.00
046528-Blaney Donohue & Weinberg, PC		6,800.50
046529-Block Line Systems, LLC		1,153.19
046530-Cape May County M.U.A.		17,032.35
046531-Comcast		545.34
046532-Nelson B. Creamer		390.01
046533-Delta Dental of NJ		2,384.80
046534-Edmunds & Associates, Inc.		7,552.48
046535-Fralinger Engineering, PA		13,068.10
046536-Gopher Sport		129.70
046537-Cape May County Herald		95.43
046538-Home Depot Credit Services		1,265.01
046539-I.A.A.O.		225.00
046540-Surenian, Edwards & Nolan, LLC		3,075.06
046541-NJ-I.A.A.O.		40.00
046542-New Jersey Recreation and		575.00
046543-Petty Cash c/o Jessica Bishop		87.65
046544-The Press of Atlantic City		232.00
046545-Principal Life Insurance Co.		90.17
046546-Ricky Slade Construction, Inc.		522,558.76
046547-Rutgers, The State Univ. of NJ		543.00
046548-Staples Advantage		93.92
046549-Suburban Propane – 2115		4,428.47
046550-Tax Collector & Treasurer NJ		100.00
046551-Tax Collect/Treas Assoc of CMC		100.00
046552-360 Business Solution, Inc.		150.00
046553-Upper Township		1,141.52
046554-Verizon Wireless		38.01
046555-Vision Service Plan		1,507.05
046556-Xerox Corporation		175.01
046557-Keltex Imprinted Apparel, Inc.		1,637.42

CONSTRUCTION CODE:

1051-ICC	131.00
1052-Staples Credit Plan	34.02
1053-Staples Advantage	110.58

GENERAL CHECKING WIRES:

None.

DOG TRUST:

156-Holly Robinson	60.00
157-Heidi H. Conforto	60.00
158-Tracey L. Robinson	60.00

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:

1341-Crown Awards	245.33
1342-Petty Cash c/o Jessica Bishop	115.00
1343-Sea Grove Garden Center	150.00
1344-2 The Tee Outfitters	107.00

The Mayor asked the Engineer, Mike Fralinger, if he had any reports. The Engineer reported on the County Paving Program. The Engineer and Township Committee discussed concerns with the various County Roads.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the Administrative Reports. Motion was made by Germanio, seconded by VanArtsdalen, with 5 ayes and no nays, that the following Administrative Report (Engineer’s) was approved.

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

Elizabeth & Leonard Verity of 680 Dennisville Road were present and indicated that they would like to obtain a Class 1 Cultivator license to grow cannabis and asked the Committee to consider amending Ordinance No. 2021-03. The Committee and Solicitor explained the reasons for adopting Ordinance No. 2021-03, they advised them that they needed to consult with an attorney familiar with the Cannabis regulations. Mrs. Verity shared a 3 page document regarding Recreational Cannabis with the Committee. It was reiterated that Mr. & Mrs. Verity should consult with an attorney and draft a detailed plan to share with the Committee. The Committee, Solicitor and Clerk shared some highlights on applying for a variance.

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

The Mayor asked for comments from the Township Committee.

Committeeman VanArtsdalen indicated that we are winding down with Basketball and the last day to register for Baseball & Softball was 02/21/22 and the T-Ball numbers are way up.

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

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

Deputy Mayor Turner indicated that he had no comments at this time.

Mayor Matalucci indicated that we loss a resident, Retired SSG Nick Doughty and expressed his condolences to his family.

Motion was made by Cox, 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