

**TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS
COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION MEETING 2026
JANUARY 06, 2026, 5:30 P.M.
DENNIS TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
DENNISVILLE, NJ**

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Jacqueline B. Justice.

The Clerk announced that notice of this meeting had been published in the Cape May County Herald and the Ocean City Sentinel as well as placed on the bulletin board in the Township Hall, pursuant to N.J.S. 10:4-6 et. seq.

The Clerk requested that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The invocation will be given by Pastor Dan Dutton .

Municipal Clerk Jacqueline Justice , administered the oath of office to the re-elected Township Committee Member Zeth A. Matalucci for a three year term ending 12/31/2028.

Municipal Clerk Jacqueline Justice , administered the oath of office to the re-elected Township Committee Member Matthew Cox for a three year term ending 12/31/2028.

The Clerk conducted the roll call: VanArtsdalen, Germanio, Cox & Matalucci present, Turner was absent.

The Clerk asked for a motion nominating the Mayor for the year 2026.

Motion was made by Germanio, seconded by VanArtsdalen, with 4 ayes and 1 absent (Turner) , the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

BE IT RESOLVED, that Zeth Matalucci be elected Mayor for the year 2026.

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

Municipal Clerk Jacqueline Justice, administered the oath of office to newly elected Mayor Matalucci for the year 2026.

The Mayor then asked for a motion nominating the Deputy Mayor for the year 2026.

Motion was made by Germanio, seconded by Cox, with 4 ayes and 1 absent (Turner), that the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02

BE IT RESOLVED, that Scott J. Tuner be elected Deputy Mayor for the year 2026.

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

The Mayor asked for a motion nominating the Township Solicitor for the year 2026.

Motion was made by VanArtsdalen, seconded by Germanio, with 4 ayes and 1 absent (Turner), that the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint a Township Solicitor for the year 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Kyle D. Weinberg of the firm Blaney Weinberg & Curio, P.C. be appointed as the Township Solicitor for the year 2026.

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

The Mayor asked for a motion nominating the Township Auditor for the year 2026.

Motion was made by Cox, seconded by VanArtsdalen, with 4 ayes and 1 absent (Turner), that the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint a Registered Municipal Auditor for the year 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Leon Costello of the firm Ford Scott be appointed as the Registered Municipal Auditor for the year 2026.

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

The Mayor asked for a motion nominating the Bond Counsel for the year 2026.

Motion was made by VanArtsdalen, seconded by Germanio, with 4 ayes and 1 absent (Turner)s, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint a Bond Counsel for the year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Archer & Greiner be appointed as the Municipal Bond Counsel for the year 2026.

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

The Mayor asked for a motion nominating the 9-1-1 Coordinator for the year 2026.

Motion was made by Cox, seconded by Germanio, with 4 ayes and 1 absent (Turner), the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint a Municipal 9-1-1 Coordinator for the year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Zeth Matalucci be appointed as the Municipal 9-1-1 Coordinator for the year 2026.

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

The Mayor then asked for a motion nominating a Risk Management Consultant as required in the bylaws of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for a three (3) year term.

Motion was made by Germanio, seconded by VanArtsdalen, with 4 ayes and 1 absent (Turner), the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint a Risk Management Consultant as required in the bylaws of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for a three (3) year term.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Michael McLaughlin, ARMC of the firm Marsh & McLennan Agency be appointed as the Risk Management Consultant for a three (3) year term ending 12/31/2028.

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

The Mayor asked for a motion for the appointment of a Class III Member to the Consolidated Land Use Board.

Motion was made by VanArtsdalen, seconded by Cox, with 4 ayes and 1 absent (Turner), the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint a Member of the Governing Body to the Consolidated Land Use Board to serve as its Class III Member for a one (1) year term.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Frank Germanio be appointed as the Class III Member of the Consolidated Land Use Board for a one (1) year term.

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

The Mayor made the following appointments:

Environmental Commission:

3 year term:	<u>Robert Penrose</u>
3 year term:	<u>Lisa Salimbene</u>
3 year term:	<u>Ray Rebmann</u>

Consolidated Land Use Board:

Class IV Member – 4 yr term:	<u>David Watson</u>
Class II Member – 3 yr term:	<u>Robert Penrose</u>
Alt. #2 Member – 2 yr term:	<u>James Schwinn</u>
Alt. #3 Member – 2 yr term:	<u>Anthony Saduk, Jr.</u>

The following Departmental assignments were made by the Mayor:

Committee Member Cox :	Recreation, Municipal Alliance, School Liaison, Code Enforcement, Municipal Court and Clean Communities
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Committee Member Germanio:	Administration, Municipal Court, Board of Health, Construction, Grants & Cultural, Revenue & Finance, Heritage and Senior Center
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Committee Member VanArtsdalen:

Construction, Code Enforcement,
Recreation, Environmental Commission,
Clean Communities, Grants and Cultural &
Heritage

Deputy Mayor Turner:

Public Works, Environmental Commission,
Revenues & Finance, Museum &
Historical Center, Land Use Board and
Tax Offices

Mayor Matalucci:

Administration, Emergency Management,
Public Safety, 911 Coordinator/Fire &
Rescue, Senior Center, Revenue & Finance,
Construction, Tax Offices and Public
Works

The Mayor asked for a motion establishing the Temporary Budget for the year 2026.

Motion was made by Germanio, seconded by VanArtsdalen, with 4 ayes and 1 absent (Turner()), the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE
2026 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that the Governing Body shall make temporary appropriations to provide for the period between the beginning of the budget year and the date of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is prior to January 30 of the 2026 budget year; and

WHEREAS, the total of the temporary appropriations do not exceed 35% of the total of all budget appropriations of the preceding year, less appropriations for debt service, capital improvement fund, and public assistance, and which amount is \$1,768,875.81.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the temporary appropriations in the amount of \$1,768,875.81 be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer.

ATTEST _____
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk

ATTEST _____
Zeth A. Matalucci, Mayor

The Mayor then asked for comments from the Committee.

Committeeman VanArtsdalen congratulated Mayor Matalucci and Committeeman Cox and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Committeeman Cox wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Committeeman Germanio congratulated Mayor Matalucci and Committeeman Cox.

Mayor Matalucci commented on the detour out on Route 9 for the South Jersey Gas Project resumed and that further details can be found on our Facebook page.

Motion was made by VanArtsdalen, seconded by Cox, that the meeting be adjourned.

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