

**TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS  
DENNISVILLE, NJ  
FEBRUARY 15, 2011**

**6:30 P.M. TWP. COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Murphy announced that this meeting is a joint meeting with of School Board.

Mayor Murphy opened the meeting in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act requirements.

Mayor Murphy presided with Committeemembers: Glembocki, DiCicco, O'Connor, and Crippen present.

School Board President Christie Ostrander was present with Board Members: Renee Pettit, Robert Brewer, Dawn McDaniel, Patricia Ziolkowski, Constance Chabok, Superintendent George Papp and Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary Abromo Vallese.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

Committeeman O'Connor, Deputy Mayor Crippen and the Township Committee presented the Dennis Township Blue Devils JV Football Team and Coaches with proclamations for capturing the 2010 Cape May County Junior Football Leagues Championship. Committeeman O'Connor thanked the Coaches for all their hard work and dedication.

Committeeman DiCicco commented on the volunteer efforts of Dave Glassford and all he does.

Committeeman O'Connor commented that Dave is the "behind the scenes" kind of guy and thanked him for all his work. Committeeman O'Connor commented on all the volunteers and coaches and indicated that is what makes up the fiber of Dennis Township and that it is people such as these volunteers that make people move to Dennis Township, stay here and raise their families here.

Mayor Murphy called the Trooper up to introduce himself. Trooper David Leo indicated that he has been at the Woodbine Barracks for 3 years and that he will be our liaison. He commented on the new Station Commander, Lt. Donlan, and the Assistant, Sgt. Petrella and gave a report on the January, 2011 statistics.

Committeeman DiCicco requested that Trooper Leo attend the monthly Public Safety Meetings and asked him to provide his email address to our OEM Coordinator, John Berg.

Motion was made by O'Connor, seconded by Crippen, with 5 ayes and no nays, that the following minutes were approved:

Reorganization Meeting	-	January 04, 2011
Regular Meeting	-	January 18, 2011
Worksession Meeting	-	January 18, 2011

Motion was made by Crippen, seconded by O'Connor, with 5 ayes and no nays, that the following Officer's Report were approved:

Tax Collector's Report	-	January, 2011
Construction Official's Report	-	January, 2011

Mayor Murphy asked if anyone from the public had any comments on the agenda items. Let the record reflect that no one from the public responded.

Let the record reflect that the following Resolution Nos. 2011-48 thru 2011-52 were part of a consent agenda with a block roll call vote.

Motion was made by Crippen, seconded by DiCicco, with 5 ayes and no nays, that the following resolutions were adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-48**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A  
2011 CAMPGROUND LICENSE**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 75 of the Code of the Township of Dennis, the Township Committee is required to approve the issuance of Campground Licenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clerk's Office has received the necessary compliance items to issue the following license:

Lake & Shore Resort – 452 Sites

**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's Office is hereby authorized and directed to issue the 2011 Campground License to the aforementioned campground.

**ATTEST** \_\_\_\_\_ **ATTEST** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk John Murphy, Mayor

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-49**

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2, 2011 –  
NEA's READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Dennis Township stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Dennis Township has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, NEA's Read Across America, a national celebration of reading, will be conducted on March 2, 2011, which would have been the 107<sup>th</sup> birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss; and

**WHEREAS**, Read Across America – NJ is being conducted statewide by the New Jersey Education Association, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Library Association, and their local affiliates across the state to promote reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students.

**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 does hereby call on the citizens of Dennis Township to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2011.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this governing body enthusiastically endorses NEA's Read Across America and Read Across America – NJ, and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

**ATTEST**

Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk

**ATTEST**

John Murphy, Mayor

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-50**

**RESOLUTION NAMING AN ADDITIONAL DEPOSITORY FOR THE  
DENNIS TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COURT ACCOUNTS  
AND DESIGNATING THE SIGNERS FOR THE SAME**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Dennis has entered into a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Upper whereby Upper Township will provide all Court services for Dennis Township; and

**WHEREAS**, in order for Upper Township to provide said services for Dennis Township accounts for the Municipal Court known as Dennis Township Court General Account and Dennis Township Court Bail Account must be opened with Ocean City Home Bank; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 mandates that the governing body of a municipal corporation shall by resolution passed by a majority vote of the full membership thereof, designate as a depository for its monies a bank or trust company having its place of business in the state and organized under the laws of the United States or this state.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that an additional depository of Ocean City Home Bank is hereby named for the Dennis Township Municipal Court Accounts effective 03/01/2011.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16 the following Township Officials are hereby authorized to sign checks or withdrawal slips for the Dennis Township Municipal Court Accounts:

James Birchmeier, Municipal Judge  
Rosemary Bonner, Municipal Court Administrator  
Nancy Palmer, Deputy Municipal Court Administrator

ATTEST

Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk

ATTEST

John Murphy, Mayor

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-51**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED  
OPEN SPACE PILOT FUNDING**

**WHEREAS**, the preservation of Open Space benefits all New Jersey citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, it does, however, impose costs on the citizens of the host municipality, denying them the economic, budgetary and property tax rate benefits of a developed ratable; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of these facts, the State of New Jersey has pledged to provide host municipalities with Payments In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOTs); and

**WHEREAS**, these PILOTs then serve two crucial public policy purposes - first providing property tax relief and second, promoting environmental protection; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of those dual benefits and of the lost opportunity costs imposed on the host municipalities, a long line of Governors, Legislatures and Commissioners of Environmental Protection have seen the fairness of consistently making the promised Payments In Lieu of Taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the policy has been ratified by the citizens of New Jersey, who have, consistently approved ballot questions that would provide funding to meet Open Space PILOT needs; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to address other priorities, State policy makers have decided to impose immediate cuts in PILOT funding.

**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 this Board does hereby call on all State policy makers to reaffirm their commitment to property tax relief, environmental protection and fiscal fairness by reversing the decision to cue Open Space PILOT funding.
2. That copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Christie, Lieutenant Governor Guadagno, Environmental Protection Commissioner Martin, Community Affairs Commissioner Grifa, to the representatives of the 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative District and to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

ATTEST

Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk

ATTEST

John Murphy, Mayor

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-52**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE  
OF A PERFORMANCE BOND FOR BLOCK 260, LOT 4.01 –  
MATALUCCI/BURNELL**

**WHEREAS**, the Administrator to the Planning and Zoning Boards has requested the release of a Planning/Zoning Performance Bond for Block 260, Lot 4.01 due to the completion of the site improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, Township Engineer has authorized the release of the performance bond which is in the form of cash.

**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 release the \$1,200.00 performance bond in the form cash to Matalucci/Burnell, c/o Gene Burnell, Genron Inc., 1066 Route 83, Clermont, NJ 08210.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to release any and all remaining inspection fees providing that all professional obligations have been satisfied.

**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                      John Murphy, Mayor

Motion was made by O'Connor, seconded by DiCicco, with 4 ayes and 1 abstaining (Glembocki), that the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-53**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO  
THE SOUTHWEST COUNCIL, INC. FOR THE  
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Dennis established an Employee Assistance Program in October, 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clerk has received one (2) quotes from: The Southwest Council, Inc. and Shore Counseling, LLC for the Employee Assistance Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee has reviewed the program and quotes and has deemed it beneficial to the Township to continue this program as part of the Drug Free Workplace Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts of "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection.

**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 Mayor and Clerk are directed to execute a contract with The Southwest Council, Inc., 645 N. Delsea Dr. Vineland, NJ 08360.

2. This contract is awarded retroactive to 01/01/2011, without competitive bidding as a "Professional Services" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-5 (a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services are to be rendered by a person authorized by law and the services require a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and that the total sum will not exceed the limits established in P.L. 2004 Chapter 19.
3. A notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the municipality.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**ATTEST** \_\_\_\_\_ **ATTEST** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk John Murphy, Mayor

Motion was made by O'Connor, seconded by Crippen, with 4 ayes and 1 abstaining (Glembocki), that the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-54**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME CLERK TYPISTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICES**

**WHEREAS**, the part-time clerk typists for the Construction Office and the Tax Collection Office have resigned and there is a need for a part-time clerk typist to assist in the Construction, Tax Collection and Finance Offices; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township recently received applications and conducted interviews to fill the temporary vacancy in the Tax Assessment Office; and

**WHEREAS**, Danielle Hofmann was the temporary clerk typist chosen to fill that vacancy and the Township was pleased with her job performance.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that Danielle Hofmann of 30 Cheshire Drive, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 be hired as the part-time clerk typist to assist in the above referenced offices at the hourly rate of \$11.00 per hour.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said hire be effective retroactive to 12/06/2011.

**ATTEST** \_\_\_\_\_ **ATTEST** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk John Murphy, Mayor

Motion was made by Crippen, seconded by DiCicco, with 5 ayes and no nays, that providing that proper vouchers have been filed and that funds are available, the following bills are authorized to be paid:

**GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

033018-Twp of Dennis Payroll Account	\$ 59,276.52
033019-Super Value	139.09
033020-Association of Government	125.00
033021-Atlantic City Electric	5,673.09
033022-A T & T	140.53

033023-Airline Hydraulics Corp.	300.02
033024-American Management Advisors	2,525.00
033025-Belleplaine Emergency Corp.	8,750.00
033026-A.A.C.M.C.	50.00
033027-Cape May County M.U.A.	13,616.63
033028-County of Cape May	544,833.00
033029-Computer Access Systems	85.25
033030-Conover Swanson, Inc.	100.00
033031-Joseph B. Cox, Jr.	800.00
033032-Nelson B. Creamer	131.40
033033-Dan's Welding	3,650.00
033034-Daycare Cleaning Services, Inc.	1,903.08
033035-Dennis Township	441.28
033036-East Coast Distributors	280.50
033037-Jeanette M. Ennis	101.01
033038-Mike Gardner & Son, Inc.	124.93
033039-The Gem Grocery & Gas	121.38
033040-Gerald C. Harris	118.46
033041-Herald Newspaper, Inc.	1,028.35
033042-Home Depot Credit Services	1,095.05
033043-Roy J. Hope	297.80
033044-James M. Rutala Associates, LLC	216.00
033045-J. C. Miller Co., Inc.	432.87
033046-Keen Compressed Gas Co., Inc.	20.57
033047-Edward F. Leith, Jr.	189.64
033048-Marturano Recreation Co.	583.73
033049-Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.	65.34
033050-Modern Gas Co., Inc.	2,507.50
033051-George B. Neidig, Jr.	690.09
033052-Nextel Communications	287.90
033053-NJ Dept Health/Senior Services	885.60
033054-Oceanport Industries, Inc.	6,849.56
033055-Power of Production Studio	527.45
033056-Reel Fire Protection, Inc.	114.00
033057-Seashore Food Distributors, Inc.	48.75
033058-Cooltronics, Inc.	253.90
033059-Senior Travel Service, Inc.	1,035.00
033060-Southern New Jersey N.I.G.P.	55.00
033061-Staples Credit Plan	924.30
033062-Carolyn P. Swagler	118.93
033063-T.A.A.S.J.	40.00
033064-USI, Inc.	116.00
033065-Township of Upper	3,898.79
033066-Verizon	1,369.78
033067-Vital Communications, Inc.	840.71
033068-Wildwood Catholics	300.00

The Mayor open the meeting up to the joint discussion with the School Board. He indicated that he hopes to have meetings like this several times a year to keep the discussions ongoing. Mayor Murphy indicated that both the Committee and the Board have been working on ways to save energy and indicated that Deputy Mayor Crippen and Committeeman DiCicco were our sub-committee.

Board President, Christine Ostrander, indicated that Patty Ziolkowski and Robert Brewer were their members that were spearheading the energy issue.

Mr. Papp indicated that they have been discussing the energy issue and look to move forward with having an energy audit/assessment done in the next couple of months. He indicated that when that step has been completed the sub-committees should meet again.

Mayor Murphy questioned if they planned to do both schools and Mr. Papp indicated that their initial idea was to do solar at both schools with alternate plan for price to do one but that it probably would be most cost effective to do both.

The Mayor asked the Deputy Mayor to given an update on our status.

Deputy Mayor Crippen indicated that we have moved forward on getting our energy audit done and that the RFP's have gone out and the bid has been accepted. He indicated that the cost was being funded by grants from the State. Deputy Mayor Crippen commented on the next steps when the energy audit is completed and what the recommendations may be and how those items may be covered under grant funds also. He reiterated that prior to anyone moving forward that the energy audits must be completed. Deputy Mayor Crippen gave examples of items that may be listed such as not only large items like energy efficient HVAC systems to light bulbs, on/off switches and possibly laptops to go paperless.

Deputy Mayor Crippen indicated that once the School's audit is completed that they could get together to see what opportunities there are for the School and Township to partner together.

Mr. Papp added that there may be other pieces that may be positive for them and he agreed that the energy audit is the first step for them.

Committeeman O'Connor questioned whether the programs we are involved in and the grant funds were procured were just open to municipalities.

Deputy Mayor Crippen commented on the Direct Install Program and the Energy Assessment that we had done with grant funds and indicated that he believes they are open to all public entities.

Committeeman O'Connor commented on the consultant that the Township uses to assist us in navigating through the programs and grants. He indicated that one of the most important things to know is that the grants work of 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> get basis. Committeeman O'Connor praised Deputy Mayor Crippen on his due diligence and he indicated that compared to some of the sister communities, that Dennis Township is ahead of the curve.

Committeeman O'Connor questioned what could be done for the School and the status of their energy audit.

Mr. Papp and Deputy Mayor Crippen indicated that the School needs to start their application process to have an energy audit completed.

Committeeman O'Connor commented on programs available and indicated that with the economy of scale it would be foolish not to go together.

Mayor Murphy asked if anyone had any additional ideas on items that could be shared.

Committeeman DiCicco commented in getting the School involved with the Museum.

Mr. Papp indicated that since he has been with the School the Members of the Township Committee have always been open to working with the School Board to benefit the children and community. He commented on the solar project being a positive investment and stated that the opportunity with the school children getting involved with the Museum is fabulous. Mr. Papp commented on the Board of Education being very positive with its view of working with the Committee for what is best for the children and the community.

Committeeman DiCicco indicated that they were looking for opportunities that put the School in a positive light and benefited the kids such as having the Museum open on Back to School Night.

Mr. Papp commented on past programs such as the Teacher Orientation were he brought new teachers to the Museum and they got a tour and learned about the Township's history and made aware of the resources the Museum offers.

Christine Ostrander, Board President, thanked the Committee for having them and indicated that the Board is very pleased to have such a good working relationship with the Township Committee.

Mayor Murphy commented on the Budgets and waiting for the State Aid figures.

Mr. Papp asked if the School Board and the Township Committee pass a joint resolution to continue explore ways to expand and enhance our efforts in providing Shared Services.

The Township Committee and the Board agreed.

Motion was made by DiCicco, seconded by Crippen, with 5 ayes and no nays, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-55(A)**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION OF SHARED SERVICES  
WITH THE DENNIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that this governing body does hereby support the Board of Education and Township Committee desire to continue to explore ways to expand and enhance their efforts in providing Shared Services.

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_ ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk John Murphy, Mayor

A joint resolution by the School Board was motioned by Mrs. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Brewer and passed unanimously.

Mayor Murphy and Mr. Papp indicated that they would keep one another apprised of their budget process progresses.

Committeeman Glembocki expressed his condolences to the Pulaski family on the loss of their wife and mother, Linda.

Committeeman DiCicco commented on going paperless and cited that municipalities such as North Wildwood and Wildwood Crest. He indicated that he would like to look into it.

Mayor Murphy advised Committeeman DiCicco to look into and cautioned him on costs and indicated that we would discuss it further at an upcoming worksession.

Committeeman DiCicco continued to express the benefits of going paperless.

Deputy Mayor Crippen and Committeeman DiCicco discussed possible grant funds available through the energy grants for the purchase of laptops to go paperless.

Committeeman Glembocki indicated that if the Township has a server, then we may be able to use just monitors.

Committeeman DiCicco commented on the Eagle Scout Project of Nick Rescigno at the Recreation Park. He indicated that they are a great troop as evident by the high number of Eagle Scouts it produces.

The Committee discussed the how difficult it is to make Eagle and the great program that Troop 56 has that allows them to have such a high percentage of Eagle Scouts.

Deputy Mayor Crippen commented on when he was heavily involved and indicated that Troop 56 has always had wonderful parents that get involved.

Committeeman DiCicco stated that no matter what the program, whether it be scouts, football, etc. the parents step up big time. Committeeman DiCicco also indicated that the Museum will have its Grand Re-opening and they will be sending out letters. He stated that the Historian and he are looking forward to networking and communicating with other Museums. Committeeman DiCicco commented on a fundraiser being held to benefit Sara Bartleson on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at Bishop McHugh and he indicated that he and a friend will be performing as one of the bands.

Committeeman O'Connor commented on the basic fiber of Dennis Township being volunteers. He stated that other municipalities were envious of Dennis Township for having the type of people that will answer the call and that people move here and stay here and that is a true tribute to the community.

Deputy Mayor Crippen indicated that he has no comment at this time.

Mayor Murphy commented on meetings with the ATV Committee and ordinances that he has had drafted and will be placing on the next worksession for discussion.

Committeeman DiCicco questioned the ordinances and Township Solicitor Jeff April explained.

Committeeman DiCicco asked what type of ordinances were they, like a noise ordinance or an anti ATV ordinance.

Mr. April indicated that the Mayor directed him to draft a noise ordinance that did not rely on noise decibels readings.

Mayor Murphy indicated that the draft noise ordinance was a separate issue and that first he was presenting for discussion at the next worksession draft ordinances that pertain to ATV's.

Motion was made by O'Connor, seconded by Crippen, that the meeting be open for public comment.

There being no comment from those present, motion was made by O'Connor, seconded by Crippen, that the public comment portion be closed.

Motion was made by O'Connor, seconded by Crippen, that the meeting be adjourned.

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_ ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk John Murphy, Mayor