

**TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS
DENNISVILLE, NJ
AUGUST 16, 2011**

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

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.

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

Worksession Meeting	-	July 05, 2011
Regular Meeting	-	July 19, 2011

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

Tax Collector's Report	-	July, 2011
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Let the record reflect that the following Resolution Nos. 2011-128 thru 2011-131 were part of a consent agenda with a block roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-128

**RESOLUTION WAIVING THE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES FOR THE
SOUTH SEAVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

WHEREAS, the Clerk has received a request from the South Seaville United Methodist Church to waive the building permit fees associated with the demolition permit on their site located at 115 Corson Tavern Road; and

WHEREAS, the South Seaville United Methodist Church is a non-profit organization that services the residents of Dennis Township and Cape May County; and

WHEREAS, the South Seaville United Methodist Church will be submitting applications with the Construction Office for said improvements and have previously obtained any and all necessary approvals.

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 any fees relative to the South Seaville United Methodist Church construction permits due the Township of Dennis are hereby waived.

2. That certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Construction Official's Office.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-129

RESOLUTION WAIVING THE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES FOR THE BELLEPLAIN V.F.W. POST #6257

WHEREAS, the Clerk has received a request from the Belleplain V.F.W. Post #6257 to waive the building permit fees associated with the electrical permit on their site located at 556 Woodbine Ave.; and

WHEREAS, the Belleplain V.F.W. Post #6257 is a non-profit organization that services the residents of Dennis Township and Cape May County; and

WHEREAS, the Belleplain V.F.W. Post #6257 will be submitting applications with the Construction Office for said improvements and have previously obtained any and all necessary approvals.

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 any fees relative to the Belleplain V.F.W. Post #6257 construction permits due the Township of Dennis are hereby waived.
2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Construction Official.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-130

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 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>
120	119	\$ 505.50	Martin & Winifred Hammell 467 Petersburg Road Woodbine, NJ 08270

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.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2011-131

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR A PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

WHEREAS, the Clerk has received a request from a Township Employee for a leave of absence; and

WHEREAS, Randy A. Grant, Sr. has requested a leave of absence for a medical condition ; and

WHEREAS, said leave would be effective retroactive to August 04, 2011 and would end on September 15, 2011 with Mr. Grant returning to work on September 16, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the leave of absence shall run concurrent with a leave under the provisions of the Family Leave Act.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Dennis, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that a leave of absence be granted for Randy A. Grant, Sr. retroactive from August 04, 2011 through September 15, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a leave under the Family Leave Act will be granted for a portion of the leave not to exceed the Federal and State provisions of the Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file the necessary paperwork with the N.J. Department of Personnel.

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Mayor Murphy questioned the Engineer regarding the Pinelands application for the Chestnut Street Park Project and asked if this completes the project. Mr. Previti indicated that it will as long as the Pinelands approves the application.

Motion was made by O'Connor, seconded by Crippen, 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:

033686-Twp of Dennis Payroll Account	\$ 65,629.63
033687-VOID	
033688-The Pinelands Commission	3,170.62
033689-Super Valu	621.79
033690-Atlantic City Electric	7,374.58
033691-A.N.J.E.C.	340.00
033692-the ARC of Cape May County, Inc.	100.00
033693-Catherine Dougherty	411.40
033694-Belleplaine Emergency Corp.	8,750.00
033695-Broadley's MDI	1,474.52
033696-Calvary Baptist Church	400.00
033697-Cape May County M.U.A.	12,897.83
033698-Computer Access Systems	95.25
033699-Chemsearch Corp.	1,426.08
033700-Coastal Landscaping	515.89
033701-John L. Collins	294.80
033702-Nelson B. Creamer	165.40
033703-Crystal Springs	1,381.42
033704-Daley's Pit	190.00
033705-Daycare Cleaning Services, Inc.	1,903.08
033706-East Coast Distributors	186.46
033707-Jeanette M. Ennis	166.01
033708-Mike Gardner Plumbing	421.96
033709-The Gem Grocery & Gas	156.88
033710-Giles & Ransome, Inc.	146.56
033711-G & K Services	619.67
033712-Government Finance	170.00
033713-Gerald C. Harris	119.42
033714-Herald Newspaper, Inc.	100.05
033715-Roy J. Hope	293.26
033716-Keen Compressed Gas Co., Inc.	20.10
033717-Ted Kingston, Inc.	310.00
033718-K-Mart	257.37
033719-Modern Gas Co., Inc.	105.99
033720-George B. Neidig, Jr.	3,450.45
033721-Nexgen	687.99
033722-Nextel Communications	293.93
033723-NJ Dept of Health/Senior Services	12.00
033724-Patti's Party World	240.44
033725-Pier 88	200.00
033726-Power of Production Studio	175.00
033727-Public Employees' Retirement System	94.23
033728-Shop Rite	277.68
033729-Shore Animal Control	650.00
033730-Shore Veterinarians	185.96
033731-Signworks, dba	224.00
033732-Thomas G. Smith, P.C.	240.80
033733-Snap-On Industrial, Inc.	76.00
033734-Greg Hauser	1,657.50
033735-Stewart Business Systems	12.80
033736-Carolyn P. Swagler	136.99

033737-Pardo's Truck Service	858.44
033738-United States Treasury	276.14
033739-Uncle Oogie's	72.95
033740-Township of Upper	5,725.51
033741-Usher Publishing Co.	147.50
033742-Verizon	1,611.65
033743-Vital Communications, Inc.	75.00
033744-Maser Consulting, PA	6,378.50
033745-Witmer Associates	95.00
033746-Cintas First Aid & Safety	102.25

Committeeman Glembocki reminded everyone that the new tax bills did go out and that the grace period was extended to September 2nd without penalty. He indicated that there has been a good response with residents getting their payments in early and he thanked them for that.

Committeeman O'Connor indicated that National Night Out went well and the fireworks were great. He commented on the Firemen's Challenge that was new this year, that it was nice to see and that it will grow. Committeeman O'Connor commended the Recreation Staff and the Public Works employees for the great job they did and he closed with indicating that the weather cooperated and the bugs were not that bad.

Committeeman DiCicco commended the Recreation Staff for an outstanding job. He commented on the Firemen's Challenge and indicated that hopefully more volunteer firemen will participate next year. Committeeman DiCicco advised the Mayor that he has spoken to all but one of the Fire Chiefs regarding the Township Solicitor's letter concerning media outlets and pictures from scenes. Committeeman DiCicco costs associated with the Dennisville Historic Home Owners Association's website fees and indicated that the Township could pick it up.

Deputy Mayor Crippen commented on the Police Unity Tour which is an annual bike ride that will take place in a couple of week and he indicated that this Thursday there will be a fundraiser in Sea Isle at La Costa and that it is a good event and if you can, come out and support them.

Committeeman O'Connor indicated that there are several local Township residents that are police officer and participate. He stated that it will be well worth your attendance.

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

Tim Hanna of the Tuckahoe Brewing Company introduced himself to the Township Committee. He indicated that he is President of Tuckahoe Brewing Company which is made up of Matt McDevitt, Chris Konicki, James McAfee and himself. Mr. Hanna stated that they are in the process of applying for a Limited Brewer License at 9 Stoney Court, in Ocean View, Dennis Township. Mr. Hanna commented on the process and gave a brief summary of their backgrounds.

Karen Byerly of 13 Siskin Lane, South Seaville asked for a status update on the property known as 3 Siskin Lane.

Deputy Mayor Crippen indicated that summons have been sent out and the Municipal Clerk indicated that paperwork from the Court has been received and the first appearance

is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24th. The Township Solicitor, Jeff April, indicated that it would be for an arraignment for them to pled guilty or not guilty and that the defendant is the only one that goes to that.

Mrs. Byerly questioned what they are being charged with and Deputy Mayor Crippen stated that the owner is charged with violating Chapter 70 of the Code of the Township of Dennis regarding Unsafe Buildings. He commented on recent inspections made by the Construction Official and himself and repeated attempts to work with the owners to rectify these issues.

Mrs. Byerly questions what happens next and Mr. April explained that he needs to plea guilty or not guilty and if he pleas not guilty a Hearing will be scheduled; the Code Enforcement Officer will testify and render an opinion of whether or not there is in violation of the ordinance (Chapter 70); the property owner will have the right to testify and he may present expert witness like a structural engineer that could testify that it is not in violation.

Mayor Murphy asked who represents the Township and Mr. April indicated that the Prosecutor does and he will subpoena the witness he needs such as the Code Enforcement Officer.

Mrs. Byerly asked if they were our experts and Mr. April indicated yes and Deputy Mayor Crippen indicated that the Construction Official would most likely go also and perhaps himself since he was present at the last inspection.

Mrs. Byerly asked about the status of the list of properties of vacant and/or unkempt properties, she submitted to the Committee at the last meeting. Deputy Mayor Crippen indicated that the Code Enforcement Officer has gone out to some properties and some notices went out. Deputy Mayor Crippen indicated that he would get a status report from Code Enforcement and that some of the issues regarded bulk trash.

Committeeman O'Connor commented on the issue of bulk trash being placed out too early. He indicated that unfortunately we do not have the manpower to go all over the Township and pick up bulk whenever it is put out, we have to adhere to the schedule. He stated that generally we knock on the owner's door and advise them when there bulk day is. Committeeman O'Connor indicated that there are times when an item is placed out early just because the owner needed assistance and that's when he could get the help.

Mrs. Byerly questioned how the property owner is advised of trash info and Committeeman O'Connor indicated that it is on the website and they can always call Public Works.

Mrs. Byerly commented on her dealings with the Code Enforcement Officer and indicated that there are people on her street that will put bulk trash out the day after the pick up. Mrs. Byerly indicated that she is getting tired of having to contact the Code Enforcement Officer. Committeeman O'Connor indicated that the Township cannot force someone to be a good neighbor. Mrs. Byerly indicated that there is one property that does it every week and Committeeman O'Connor indicated that he would get the address from her after the meeting.

The Municipal Clerk asked Mrs. Byerly if the property in question fronted Pine Street and she indicated yes. Deputy Mayor Crippen indicate that that property has a violation from the County Health Department.

Mrs. Byerly continued regarding bulk items that are placed out too early and commented on different Township vehicles being on her street all the time.

Committeeman O'Connor explained why he can not pick people's bulk trash up early.

Mrs. Byerly indicated that she understands that and stated she is just asking that when they have time if someone stops by or call the residents to advise them they have placed their bulk out too soon.

Committeeman O'Connor indicated that they do that and continue to stop at residents to advise them and he doesn't want phone calls, he wants face to face contact. He indicated that he has knocked on doors for various issues just trying to get areas cleaned up, however, some people's idea of clean aren't the same as others.

Mayor Murphy asked that Committeeman O'Connor have the Director of Public Works make people aware and Committeeman O'Connor indicated that he or Mr. Ryan will knock on every door on Siskin Lane by the end of the week.

John Turner joked with the Committee and thanked them for allowing him to stay for this meeting, alluding to the last meeting when due to scheduling we had to have an Executive Session early during the meeting.

Committeeman DiCicco indicated that there was a proposed change in the regulations regulating Executive Sessions.

Mr. April commented the Executive Session regulations and the Township's policy.

There being no further 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.

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Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk John Murphy, Mayor