

TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

JULY 26, 2010

The Meeting was called to order by President Andes at 6:32 p.m. The Salute to the Flag was recited, followed by the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act Statement by Township Clerk Donna Costello. Mrs. Costello advised President Andes that neither Mr. Golinski nor Mrs. Smith will be in attendance this evening.

ROLL CALL: FITZPATRICK, KUSER, SHAW, STECKY, ANDES

ABSENT: SMITH, GOLINSKI

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: MAYOR HUSSA, ADMINISTRATOR GOBLE AND
TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY SEMRAU

President Andes noted that Mr. Golinski will be present via telephone and is on the line at this time.

Attorney Semrau asked Mr. Golinski, for the record, if he is able to hear everyone in the Council Chambers. Mr. Golinski confirmed that he heard the Roll Call as well as the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act Statement and can hear Mr. Semrau.

Mr. Semrau advised him that, if at any time during the meeting, he is unable to hear the proceedings or is going to hang up, that he please advise the Council President.

Attorney Semrau then asked Mr. Golinski if he is alone. Mr. Golinski answered in the affirmative and advised that he is in a closed room on a land line.

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION: No one wished to be heard.

CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

R-10-168 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSED SESSION RELATIVE TO OPEN
SPACE ACQUISITION AND PERSONNEL MATTERS

President Andes noted that action may or may not be taken at the conclusion of the Closed Session.

Before the motion on R-10-168, Councilman Fitzpatrick asked if he might bring up the Indian Lake situation that has been under discussion.

Clerk Costello noted that Special Meetings have Special Agendas and asked Mr. Semrau to correct her if she is wrong. Attorney Semrau said that is correct but that, if Mr. Fitzpatrick wants to make a statement, he may. He asked Mr. Fitzpatrick if his comment will be predicated on action being taken. Mr. Fitzpatrick responded that, because of the individuals who are present, he is looking for an update. He noted that he has two questions. Mr. Fitzpatrick commented that there was a cone on East Shore Road because of the condition of the road and now there is a barricade there. He said that his understanding has been that, the road being the Township's responsibility, if the road became dangerous, the Township would have to take care of it.

Mrs. Goble stated that she really doesn't think this should be discussed at a Special Meeting. Mr. Semrau interjected that Mr. Fitzpatrick is not asking for action, just for an up-date. He said that if Mr. Fitzpatrick were to ask for action then Mr. Semrau would say that we are not advertised to do that.

Engineer Rosania noted that some action has been taken by the town to help the situation and try to arrest the deterioration. He said that some barricades have been set up by the DPW and an edge line has been painted. Mr. Rosania stated that it is getting worse and should be discussed in the near future.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked, if the road is getting significantly worse, whose responsibility is that. Mr. Semrau suggested that this could be discussed at the next meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE R-10-168: MOVED BY MEMBER SHAW, SECONDED BY MEMBER STECKY

AYES: SHAW, STECKY, FITZPATRICK, KUSER, ANDES, GOLINSKI

ABSENT: SMITH

Attorney Semrau asked the Mayor to identify the Open Space Acquisition that will be discussed in Closed Session.

The Mayor noted that it will be the Diocese of Paterson property, at the corner of Hill Rd. and Cooper Rd.

Mr. Semrau noted that the other matter is in regard to the new Business Administrator and his appointment.

The Council went into Closed Session at 6:38 p.m.

The Special Meeting re-convened at 8:02 p.m.

President Andes noted that, Mrs. Goble having resigned from the position of Business Administrator, but remaining in the position of CFO, the Mayor and a Sub-Committee, comprised of President Andes, Councilman Kuser and Councilwoman Smith, went through a selection process. He noted that forty-eight resumes were submitted and two rounds of interviews were conducted, resulting in the selection of Mr. Steven Ward. President Andes introduced Mr. Ward and asked him to repeat the information he provided to the Council in Closed Session, for the benefit of the public and the Press. Mr. Ward gave a brief re-cap of his experience, qualifications and background. President Andes asked the Mayor for his comments.

Mayor Hussa stated that he feels that the right candidate has been chosen. He said that, in the first round of interviews, he wasn't overly impressed, but was very impressed in the second round. Mr. Hussa commented that he feels Mr. Ward has a lot to offer to Denville. He noted that Mr. Ward's experience in his current position, with N. J. Professional Management, involving the investigation of shared services opportunities for municipalities will be of great value to Denville. The Mayor said that he clearly has a higher experience and maturity level than any of the other candidates and he feels very strongly that the right person has been chosen.

The Mayor commented that the Township has operated without a full-time CFO and Administrator for two and a half years now. He said that he feels that it was a very worth-while experiment and we could have continued, but now is the time to bring in a

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person like Mr. Ward and operate on a little different footing. The Mayor noted that Mr. Ward spent today touring Denville and that he is acquainted with some of the employees here. He said that he recommends Mr. Ward for this position without any reservation whatsoever.

R-10-169 RESOLUTION APPOINTING STEVEN WARD AS TOWNSHIP
ADMINISTRATOR

MOTION TO APPROVE R-10-169: MOVED BY MEMBER KUSER, SECONDED BY
MEMBER SHAW

Attorney Semrau interjected that the fourth Whereas in the resolution notes that the Council desires to appoint Mr. Ward and it should read "the Mayor". He said that the Mayor is making the appointment and the Council is giving Advice and Consent to the appointment. The resolution was amended as noted.

AYES: KUSER, SHAW, FITZPATRICK, GOLINSKI, STECKY, ANDES

ABSENT: SMITH

Mr. Kuser advised, for the record, that Mr. Golinski has terminated his phone connection.

Township Clerk Donna Costello then administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Ward, with Mayor Husa holding the Bible.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: MOVED BY MEMBER SHAW, SECONDED BY MEMBER
KUSER

AYES: SHAW, KUSER, FITZPATRICK, STECKY, ANDES

ABSENT: SMITH, GOLINSKI

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen A. Costello
Deputy Township Clerk