

TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 1, 2012

The Meeting was called to order at 12 Noon by Township Clerk Donna Costello. Clerk Costello explained that she will be handling the proceedings until a new Council President is elected. She advised the assemblage of the posting and distribution of the Open Public Meetings Act Statement. Mrs. Costello asked the Boy Scout Senior Patrol of Troop 17 to advance the colors, after which the Salute to the Flag was recited. An Invocation was given by Msgr. James Murray.

Clerk Costello introduced Senator Anthony Bucco and asked him to come forward. Sen. Bucco expressed his pleasure to attend and commented on how refreshing it is to see that so many people are interested in their local government. He wished everyone well and noted that his son, Assemblyman Bucco is attending the re-organization meeting in Mine Hill, where he is the Municipal Attorney.

Township Clerk Costello advised that it is her duty to report to the public that the Board of County Canvassers has certified the election of November 8, 2011.

Clerk Costello then called Tom Andes forward to receive the Oath of Office as Mayor of Denville.

Mr. Andes and his family came forward and Clerk Donna Costello administered the Oath of Office.

Clerk Costello called Stephanie Lyden and family forward and administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Lyden. Mrs. Lyden thanked her family and friends for their support and stated that she is looking forward to working with Mayor Andes and her fellow Councilpersons on the challenges that lie ahead. She thanked her father for teaching her, by example, what it means to volunteer and serve one's community.

Kevin Scollans and his family came forward and Clerk Costello administered the Oath of Office. Councilman Scollans gave a few brief comments, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Clerk Costello then read a statement from Councilwoman Deborah Smith, who was also scheduled to be sworn in today. She noted that Mrs. Smith is out of town due to family obligations. A copy of Mrs. Smith's statement is attached to these minutes.

Clerk Costello called for a nomination for Council President.

Councilman Golinski nominated Councilman Kuser and Councilman Fitzpatrick seconded that motion. Mrs. Costello asked if there were any other nominations; receiving none, nominations were closed.

ROLL CALL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMAN KUSER AS COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: GOLINSKI, FITZPATRICK, LYDEN, SCOLLANS, KUSER  
ABSENT: SMITH

President Kuser took his place on the dais as President. He thanked the Council for their confidence in re-electing him as President and congratulated Mayor Andes and Councilpersons Smith, Lyden and Scollans on their successful campaigns and wished them well. Mr. Kuser thanked his wife and children for their support. He noted that elected officials are volunteers and spend many hours away from their families attending to Township business and it would be impossible to perform those duties without family support. President Kuser stated that he looks forward to working with Mayor Andes, Administrator Ward, his fellow Council members and our Township professionals. He spoke about the tough year that just ended and the inspired way that the whole town overcame whatever Mother Nature threw at them. President Kuser expressed his confidence in the Township's ability to overcome whatever challenges it will face in the future. He assured the assemblage that the elected officials will work together diligently in the coming years to keep Denville the #1 Township in Morris County and in the State of New Jersey. President Kuser stated that we are starting the year with optimism adding that we need it and the people of Denville deserve it.

Clerk Costello then introduced the following dignitaries who had not yet been recognized:

Doug Cabana, Freeholder  
Gene Feyl, Former Mayor and Current Freeholder  
Carol Spencer, Former Mayor  
Ted Husa, Former Mayor  
President Kuser's father, Former Mayor of Pequannock

President Kuser then presented Mayor Andes with a plaque acknowledging his outstanding leadership as Ward I Councilman during the years 2000 through 2011. President Kuser also presented Mayor Andes with a picture that was taken at the "Denville Up and Running" event. He noted that the picture was taken at three different stages of the race and the Township Administrator and the Chief of Police can be seen taking part in the race. Mr. Kuser said that he would like this to be a metaphor for Mayor Andes to "keep us Up and Running".

Mayor Andes then delivered his Inaugural Address, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

President Kuser recognized the following dignitaries: Former Councilman Fred Lash, Former Councilman Bob Unrath, Former Councilman the Honorable Vito Bianco, Former First Lady Pat Dyer and Former Township Administrator Ellen Sandman.

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION: No one wished to be heard.

CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

MOTION TO GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS: MOVED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK  
AYES: GOLINSKI, FITZPATRICK, LYDEN, SCOLLANS, KUSER  
ABSENT: SMITH

President Kuser then called upon Mayor Andes to administer the Oath of Office to Steven Ward, Director of Administration, Michael Guarino, Director of Finance and John P. Jansen, Municipal Attorney.

Since there was not a copy of the Oath at hand for the Mayor to read, Clerk Costello administered the Oath to each of the three gentlemen.

President Kuser asked the Honorable Judge Vito Bianco to come forward and administer the Oath of Office to Denis F. Driscoll, Municipal Prosecutor and Clifford Weininger, Municipal Public Defender.

Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Weininger and their families came forward and were sworn into office by Judge Bianco.

The Municipal Clerk requested that Mayor Andes ceremonially hold the bible while Township Engineer John Ruschke, Township Planner William Denzler, Members of the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and other statutory appointees come forward to take the Oath of Office. Mrs. Costello then administered the Oath.

RE-ORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS:

R-12-01 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2012

MOTION TO APPROVE R-12-01: MOVED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK

AYES: GOLINSKI, FITZPATRICK, LYDEN, SCOLLANS, KUSER

ABSENT: SMITH

R-12-02 RESOLUTION CONCERNING ANNUAL NOTICE

MOTION TO APPROVE R-12-02: MOVED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK, SECONDED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI

AYES: FITZPATRICK, GOLINSKI, LYDEN, SCOLLANS, KUSER

ABSENT: SMITH

R-12-03 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2012

MOTION TO APPROVE R-12-03: MOVED BY MEMBER LYDEN, SECONDED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI

AYES: LYDEN, GOLINSKI, FITZPATRICK, SCOLLANS, KUSER  
ABSENT: SMITH

R-12-04 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LEGAL DEPOSITORIES FOR PUBLIC  
MONIES FOR 2012 PER N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14  
MOTION TO APPROVE R-12-04: MOVED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI, SECONDED BY  
MEMBER LYDEN  
AYES: GOLINSKI, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, SCOLLANS, KUSER  
ABSENT: SMITH

R-12-05 RESOLUTION APPOINTING CUSTODIAN OF RECREATION PETTY  
CASH FUND FOR 2012  
MOTION TO APPROVE R-12-05: MOVED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI, SECONDED BY  
MEMBER FITZPATRICK  
AYES: GOLINSKI, FITZPATRICK, LYDEN, SCOLLANS, KUSER  
ABSENT: SMITH

R-12-06 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ASSESSMENT LIEN SEARCHES FOR THE  
YEAR 2012  
MOTION TO APPROVE R-12-06: MOVED BY MEMBER LYDEN, SECONDED BY  
MEMBER GOLINSKI  
AYES: LYDEN, GOLINSKI, FITZPATRICK, SCOLLANS, KUSER  
ABSENT: SMITH

R-12-07 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX ASSESSOR TO ENTER TAX  
APPEAL SETTLEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
DENVERVILLE FOR THE YEAR 2012  
MOTION TO APPROVE R-12-07: MOVED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI, SECONDED BY  
MEMBER FITZPATRICK  
AYES: GOLINSKI, FITZPATRICK, LYDEN, SCOLLANS, KUSER  
ABSENT: SMITH

R-12-08 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING INTEREST PENALTY CHARGES ON  
DELINQUENT TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2012 PER N.J.S.A. 54: 4-67  
AMENDED BY ASSEMBLY BILL #3170  
MOTION TO APPROVE R-12-08: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY  
MEMBER GOLINSKI  
AYES: SCOLLANS, GOLINSKI, FITZPATRICK, LYDEN, KUSER  
ABSENT: SMITH

R-12-09 RESOLUTION APPOINTING LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE TO VARIOUS  
COMMITTEES AND/OR BOARDS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP

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OF DENVILLE FOR THE YEAR 2012  
MOTION TO APPROVE R-12-09: MOVED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK, SECONDED  
BY MEMBER GOLINSKI  
AYES: FITZPATRICK, GOLINSKI, LYDEN, SCOLLANS, KUSER  
ABSENT: SMITH

R-12-10 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DARLENE PRICE PUBLIC AGENCY  
COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE FOR  
THE YEAR 2012  
MOTION TO APPROVE R-12-10: MOVED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI, SECONDED BY  
MEMBER LYDEN  
AYES: GOLINSKI, LYDEN, FITZPATRICK, SCOLLANS, KUSER  
ABSENT: SMITH

R-12-11 RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING KATHLEEN SCOLLANS AS  
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS  
MOTION TO APPROVE R-12-11: MOVED BY MEMBER LYDEN, SECONDED BY  
MEMBER GOLINSKI  
AYES: LYDEN, GOLINSKI, FITZPATRICK, KUSER  
RECUSE: SCOLLANS  
ABSENT: SMITH

President Kuser introduced Courtney Meola to sing "God Bless America".

President Kuser called upon the Honorable Judge Vito Bianco to administer the Oath of  
Office to Gerard F. Smith, Municipal Court Judge.  
Judge Bianco administered the oath.

A Benediction was given by Sister Johnice Thone.  
President Kuser asked all to join Mayor and Mrs. Andes and all Township officials, for  
refreshments in the Community Room.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: MOVED BY MEMBER GOLINSKI, SECONDED BY MEMBER  
LYDEN  
AYES: UNANIMOUS.  
ABSENT: SMITH  
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Costello, Deputy Township Clerk

