

TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2011

The Meeting was called to order at 7:29 p.m. by President Kuser. The Salute to the Flag was recited, followed by an Invocation given by Councilman Golinski. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read by Deputy Township Clerk Kathy Costello. Mrs. Costello requested that all cell phones be silenced and reminded everyone that this is a non-smoking facility so anyone wishing to smoke must leave the grounds.

ROLL CALL: ANDES, FITZPATRICK, GOLINSKI, SMITH, KUSER.

ABSENT: SHAW, STECKY

Deputy Clerk Costello advised that both Councilmen Shaw and Stecky are out of town.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: MAYOR HUSSA AND ADMINISTRATOR WARD

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION: No one wished to be heard.

CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

Councilman Golinski advised that there are two Boy Scouts here tonight to sell tickets to a spaghetti dinner on Friday night. He said that the proceeds will go to hurricane relief.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES:

President Kuser introduced four new Township employees and Administrator Ward gave a brief thumbnail sketch of each one's background. The employees were welcomed individually by a round of applause from the assemblage. The four new employees were:

Michael Guarino, Chief Financial Officer

Deirdre Rock, Social Services Coordinator

Claudia Botto, Utilities Clerk

Laura Decker, Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Mr. Ward also introduced Mr. Phil Morlock, who has been filling in until a new Health Officer, who will be shared with the County, comes on board in Denville.

The new employees joined Mr. Ward at the front of the room to have a photo taken.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY & OATH OF OFFICE FOR TWO POLICE OFFICERS.

Police Officer David Longo - Police Officer Christopher Megaro

Police Chief Christopher Wagner spoke briefly about the importance, to him and his Department as a whole, of the hiring of these two officers. He noted that there were hundreds of applications and the two officers being sworn in this evening are the two that were fortunate to be chosen and that we were fortunate enough to hire. The Chief stated that these two men fit with the other officers and fit the Township of Denville.

Chief Wagner then gave a brief background on David Longo. Officer Longo's family joined him at the front of the room and the Deputy Township Clerk Costello Township Council

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administered the Oath of Office. The Deputy then congratulated Office Longo and welcomed him to Denville.

Chief Wagner spoke briefly about the background of Officer Christopher Megaro. Officer Megaro's family came forward to join him as the Oath of Office was administered by Deputy Clerk Costello. The Deputy congratulated Officer Megaro and welcomed him to Denville as well.

Senator Bucco and Assemblyman Bucco arrived just prior to the Swearing In Ceremony.

President Kuser thanked that Police and Fire Departments for coming out, in uniform, tonight and advised that the Township Council is going to publicly thank our First Responders and everyone involved before, during and after Hurricane Irene. He asked for a round of applause for all who helped in any way.

Mr. Kuser advised that some pins had been prepared for everyone involved but, unfortunately there was a misprint and they had to be returned. He said that it will just take a little longer. Mr. Kuser noted that they will be sure to get them out to everyone because their efforts are deeply appreciated.

President Kuser read the following resolution into the record:

R-11-226 RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

WHEREAS, due to the selfless work performed by our first responders and all who assisted in the response during and in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene, the Denville Township Governing Body wishes to recognize the valiant efforts keeping our citizens safe and secure during one of the most catastrophic and trying times in the history of Denville; and

WHEREAS, our first responders and all who aided in the response during and in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene, worked tirelessly around the clock to protect the citizens and businesses of Denville, whether performing evacuations, traffic control, animal safety, pumping basements, feeding and counseling displaced residents, their tireless labors never waned; and

WHEREAS, some first responders and some who aided in the response during and in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene experienced hardship themselves; with flooded homes, flooded businesses, and severe structural damage to their own homes, they still continued to protect and serve our citizens and businesses from further peril.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Township Council

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Township of Denville, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the Governing Body of Denville Township would like to express our never ending gratitude for your valiant service to our community. Your efforts during this catastrophic event as well as your continued service to our municipality are a testament to your dedication to make Denville the best place to live, work, play, raise a family and retire in New Jersey.

"WE WILL NEVER FORGET YOUR SERVICE"

"ABOVE AND BEYOND"

MOTION TO APPROVE R-11-226: MOVED BY MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY MEMBER ANDES

AYES: SMITH, ANDES, GOLINSKI, FITZPATRICK, KUSER

ABSENT: SHAW, STECKY

MOTION TO ADJOURN: MOVED BY MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK

AYES: UNANIMOUS

ABSENT: SHAW, STECKY

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Costello
Deputy Township Clerk