

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
SENIOR CENTER  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2018  
6:30 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order.

**Flag Salute, Moment of Silence**

**Sunshine Law:** The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this public meeting. Notice was sent to *The Record* and *The Ridgewood News*, filed with the Borough of Dumont, and posted on the Borough website and the official bulletin board.

**Roll Call:**

Council members: Di Paolo, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart-present  
Council members LaBruno and Manna-absent  
Mayor James J. Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Riquelme  
Second: Councilman Di Paolo  
All in favor.

A proclamation was presented to the First-place members of the North American Spirit Brand Championship Cheering Competition Team

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the August 14, 2018 Public Meeting and Closed Session:

Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Di Paolo, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

Motion to approve the September 4, 2018 Executive Meeting and Closed Session:

Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

Roll call vote: Council members Riquelme, Stewart-yes

Council members Di Paolo and Rossillo-abstain

**Administrator's Report**

Ms. Horbert, our Municipal Court Administrator, has retired. Interviews will be conducted this Friday in Hackensack at the courthouse.

The closing for 27 W. Quackenbush is scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>

The asbestos and remediation at 50 Washington Avenue have been completed. The next step will be demolition. The design stage of the new complex is almost complete.

The leak was found to be under the tracks. In the meantime, the water has been shut off.

Court had been held in Bergenfield but they will be demolishing their borough hall so Court will be held in Tenafly in the future.

Northwest Utilities videotaped the sewer lines in town. We will be reviewing them ourselves, which will save a lot of money.

The Scott packs for the Fire Department have arrived.

### **Council Committee Reports**

- Councilman Di Paolo

No report

- Councilman Riquelme

#### *Police Department*

In August there were 1,850 telephone calls for service-77 calls for medical reasons, 6 calls for fires and 3 for commitments. The patrol traveled 8,729 miles, issued 94 traffic summonses and investigated 27 motor vehicle crashes. The Detective Bureau investigated 9 domestic violence incidents and handled 28 criminal cases. One officer received mandated 9-1-1 EMD Training.

- Councilwoman Rossillo

No report

- Councilwoman Stewart

The Councilwoman viewed the new Scott packs. They were using breathing equipment from 1993. We have now set up a rotation so that we will not have to purchase them all at one time in the future. It is beneficial for the firefighters and for our insurance, as well.

#### *DPW and Shade Tree*

On tonight's agenda is a resolution to purchase a stump grinder. We have 203 stumps, which can't be removed by the grinder we currently have.

### **Attorney's Report**

Mr. Lafferty stated we have a contract for the purchase of 27 W. Quackenbush and should be closing on that on or about October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be dismissing the eminent domain action. We are close to reaching an agreement with 23 W. Quackenbush Avenue. He and Mr. Richards met with their attorney last week.

**Review of Consent Agenda Items:** All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

**#18-224** Bills List \*

**#18-225** Authorization of Application for the 2019 DOT Grant for Grant Avenue \*

**#18-226** Authorization of Application for the 2019 DOT Grant for DeLong Avenue \*

**#18-227** Authorization of Execution of Snow Plowing Agreement with the County \*

**#18-228** Community Development Municipal Appointments \*

**#18-229** Authorization for AT&T to Install Communications Lines within Conduit or on Existing Poles in the Public Right-of-Way in order to Provide Communications Services to the Public \*

**#18-230** Rosemary Klenck-Hire as Part-time Assistant to Social Services Director-\$12.00 per hour \*

**#18-231** Purchase of 2019 Ford F250 under State Contract for the DPW-\$39,420 \*

**#18-232** Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Leaf Transportation and Disposal Services \*

**#18-233** Authorization of the purchase of a Stump Grinder-\$35,000 \*

Motion to open to comments on Consent Agenda Items: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

1. Bruce deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, asked if resolutions #225 and #226 are full grants. Mr. Richards said yes. Dr. deLyon questioned the stump grinder and the bid threshold. Councilwoman Stewart stated that there is a possibility we could have a shared service agreement with other towns with this stump grinder.

2. Maryann Russini, 141 Roosevelt Avenue, asked about the purchase of a new truck. Mr. Richards stated it is not being bought with a bond. Ms. Russini asked if we making any money on the AT&T lines. The response was no.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Di Paolo

Council members: Di Paolo, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

## **ORDINANCES**

### *Second Reading*

**#1550** Bond Ordinance Amending Section 3 of Bond Ordinance #1519, finally Adopted on May 30, 2017 in Order to Revise the Description of the Projects referred to therein. This ordinance is tabled because there are not enough voting members present.

**#1551** An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property by the Borough of Dumont at 27 W. Quackenbush Avenue, Dumont, New Jersey and the Leasing of Real Property Located at Block 203, Lot 17 on Aladdin Avenue to Dwain Asplint

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

1. Bruce deLyon, Beacon Street, accused the Council of slipping the fence for

Asplint through.

2. Christina Strubel, Niagara Street, asked what will be done with the Quackenbush property. Mayor Kelly explained that initially it will be used to gain access for demolition of the Borough Hall. It will probably be a parking lot in the future.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman Di Paolo

Roll call vote: Council members: Di Paolo, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

*First Reading*

**#1552** An Ordinance Creating a “No-Knock” List and Establishing Penalties for Violations Thereof

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members: Di Paolo, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

Motion to open to the public for general comments: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

1. deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, questioned the petty cash change for the police. He confirmed that the only change in Bond Ordinance #1550 is that a property was added. He asked how the bond ordinance amount would be maintained if you are adding a property and a fence.

2. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, asked how many grants has the grant writer applied for and how many have we gotten. Was the open space grant approved? Mr. Richards said he was informed that it has been approved. Ms. Russini asked Councilman Di Paolo why he is not running for re-election and what will happen with the live streaming of meetings if he's not here. The Councilman replied he has a new job in Trenton so it is difficult to make the meetings and he will hand off the information on live streaming to the Clerk and Council members if it isn't in place by the end of the year. Ms. Russini thanked the Mayor for appointing her to the Recreation Commission but she is submitting her resignation because the Commission does not follow their by-laws, treated her and others unfairly and have their own personal agendas.

3. Kathy Herzog, 54 Shadyside Avenue, had a problem but was not treated nicely. The women in the building department are very nice.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter closed session to discuss:

Purchase Lease or Acquisition of Real Property with Public Funds

Motion: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members: Di Paolo, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

Motion to go back into public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk