

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
SENIOR CENTER  
OCTOBER 16, 2018  
6:30 PM**

Council President Manna 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, LaBruno, Manna, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart-present  
Mayor James J. Kelly-absent

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the September 18, 2018 Public Meeting and Closed Session minutes:

Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

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

Councilmembers LaBruno and Manna abstained.

Motion to approve the September 25, 2018 Special Meeting minutes: Councilman

LaBruno

Second: Councilman Riquelme

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

Council members LaBruno, Manna, Rossillo-abstained

**Mayor's Report**

absent

**Administrator's Report**

absent

**Engineer's Report**

Bob Nash reported that the Borough received two grants for Columbia Avenue from Washington Avenue to Prospect Avenue. The bid should be ready February or March since the asphalt plants don't open until about April 15<sup>th</sup>. He met with the Mr. Como regarding improvements to Gina's Field softball field. The field will be ready by April 15<sup>th</sup>. New Milford and Washington Avenues will be repaved in 2019. Prior to that ADA ramps will be constructed. The Borough received a 2018 DOT grant for DeLong Avenue, which will address about half of DeLong. A 2019 grant application was

submitted for the remainder of DeLong and all of Grant Avenue. We are progressing with the Municipal Complex project. The asbestos removal of the old building is ongoing. The demolition is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>. The DCA will review the specifications. The bid should be advertised the beginning of December. Thompson Street project is finished. First Street project is progressing. However, there is an issue with a drainage pipe in front of 15 and 21 First Street. Tenafly will be lending us a video truck to see what the problem is.

### **Attorney's Report**

Mr. Lafferty reported that the Borough closed on 27 W. Quackenbush on October 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a contract for approval on tonight's agenda for 19 W. Quackenbush Avenue. The Borough is also exploring another property on W. Quackenbush.

### **Council Committee Reports**

- Councilman Di Paolo

No report

- Councilman LaBruno

### *Garden Homes Update*

Their site work storm drainage pipe and sanitary sewer pipe and on-site water main work are ongoing. Lot 20 is cut and filled to grade. Lot 1 is being cut to grade and underground stormwater detention will begin. The carbon utility company will begin work soon. Hickory Street bypass improvements have been completed and Barbara Road's trenchless method of replacing pipe is also completed. Building A and clubhouse footing and foundations are complete. Underground plumbing is complete. Stair towers and elevator shafts are being completed. Floor slabs will be poured and exterior framing will begin. Soon Building C footings and foundations will begin.

### *DPW*

Superintendent Schiraldi and Mr. Richards met with a company Sanitation Equipment on October 10<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion about two automated side loaders and a third truck with a back loader. Bergenfield has purchased trucks on state contract through this company. Mr. Schiraldi is going to speak to Bergenfield. The finance committee will determine whether it is fiscally advantageous. The DPW and finance committee are attempting to establish a road funding program. Council President Manna, the Borough Administrator, Superintendent and he met with Street Scan, which provides 3D analyses to show the condition of our roads.

We met with the department heads and we should be underway soon.

- Councilman Manna

The establishment of the Beautification Committee has taken place. The chairperson is Anthony Schiraldi, the vice chair is John Sansone and the secretary is Colleen Holdsworth. They will be meeting October 17<sup>th</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup>. They are putting together a list of projects they would like to undertake. The Councilman asked the CFO if we could set up a dedicated trust fund, which resolution is on tonight's agenda.

We met with a company that does analysis of roads. However, the salesman could not answer any of the technical questions.

The Councilman read a report regarding grants applied for and some that were denied from Millennium grant firm, which he received October 6<sup>th</sup>.

- Councilman Riquelme

*Fire Department*

In September, there were 20 activated alarms and 3 carbon monoxide incidents. There were 40 total alarms and 1,302 manhours last month.

*Police Department*

In September there were 1,975 telephone calls for service-101 telephone calls for medical reasons, 8 telephone calls for fires and 5 telephone calls for commitments. The patrol division issued 120 traffic summonses-24 parking, 96 moving. They investigated 29 motor vehicle crashes, responded to 26 burglar alarms and traveled 12,311 miles. The Detective Bureau conducted 8 firearms investigations, handled 44 criminal cases, investigated 91 (subsequently corrected to 16) domestic violence incidents with 2 mandated arrests. Seven officers received 84 hours in tactical response team training.

- Councilwoman Rossillo

*Board of Education*

A meeting is scheduled for this Thursday.

- Councilwoman Stewart

*Library and Shade Tree*

Shade Tree will be doing a train show at the library during the month of December. This again shows cooperation between the Library and Shade Tree.

*Recreation*

A young man introduced a fishing program that was well-received.

There will be a Recreation fundraiser Saturday.

There were two issues: issuance of lanyards and the fact that liaisons had not been assigned, which has now been rectified except for spring track.

*Stigma-free*

The Councilwoman met with people from Vantage Health Center and the Woman's Club in order to reorganize the Stigma-free program, which has fallen by the wayside.

**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**

**#18-236** Bills List \*

**#18-237** Approval of DHS Project Graduation Raffle to be drawn 1/17/19; RL#518; ID#109-5-34050 \*

**#18-238** Authorization of Execution of Municipal Court Facility Shared Services Agreement with Tenafly \*

**#18-239** Authorization of Shared Services Agreement with Hillsdale for Child Health Conference \*

**#18-240** Scott Richard Mintz-Hire as Dispatcher \*

**#18-241** Authorization of First Street Change Order #2-\$2,800 \*

**#18-242** Donald Wuertz-Hire as DPW Seasonal Employee-\$10.00 per hour \*

**#18-243** Approval of DHS Music Boosters On-premise 50/50 Cash Raffle to be held November 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>; 2018; RL#519; ID#109-5-36714 \*

**#18-244** Approval of DHS Music Boosters On-premise 50/50 Cash Raffle to be held December 12, 2018; RL#520; ID#109-5-36714 \*

**#18-245** Approval of Firefighter Joseph Reissner to transfer from Independent Hose Company to Company 1 \*

**#18-246** Approval of Block Party on Seneca Avenue to be held October 7, 2018 \*

**#18-247** Approval of DHS Athletic Boosters Association Off-premise Cash Raffle to be held February 9, 2019 at 10:30PM: ID#109-5-24823; RL#521 \*

**#18-248** Approval of DHS Athletic Boosters Association On-premise Merchandise Raffle to be held February 9, 2019 at 10:30PM: ID#109-5-24823; RL#522 \*

**#18-249** Maureen Barbour-Approval of Hiring as Substitute Senior Bus Driver-\$20 per hour \*

**#18-250** Authorization of Issuance of a Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate \* The Municipal Clerk explained that the Tax Collector had requested a resolution. If someone loses their tax certificate, a resolution has to be approved by the Governing Body in order to issue another one.

**#18-251** Approval of Request for Permission for Dedication by Rider for Beautification Trust \* Councilman Manna explained that this is a way to track contributions made to a committee. It is monitored by the CFO.

Motion to open to the public on Consent Agenda Items: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

1. Bruce deLyon, 67 Beacon Street. questioned mileage reimbursement on the bills list for Tom Richards, the charge for Twin Boro hut cleaning-can't the DPW do this instead? He also questioned business cards ordered for the property maintenance employee.

2. Tony Como, 115 Shadyside Avenue, is the Recreation Director, explained that charge for Twin Boro hut was for mandated fire inspection, cleaning of the hut, the ducts and hoods.

3. Lili Binney, State College, Pa., complained that Mr. Richards' reimbursement for gas and phone were not specified in the resolution. President Manna replied that it is in the agreement. How much is RSC getting paid? What was the first change order for First Street? She questioned Bob Faulborn plumbing bill, which was for a water spigot for the abatement of the old building, and asked if he would be the plumber for the new building. Councilman LaBruno replied that it would depend on who is awarded the bid.

4. Karen Valido, 24 Overlook Drive, asked the procedure for approval of the bills list. President Manna said that the Administrator has requested a requisition, purchase order and execution of the purchase order upon delivery of goods or services. Ms. Valido thanked Mr. Richards for getting back to her about the PILOT program.

5. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, asked the procedure for hiring employees. President Manna explained that the Borough has a salary ordinance. The personnel committee has interviewed for the Administrator and the CFO. Otherwise, department heads make recommendations. Ms. Russini asked if all employees receive policies and procedures. Councilwoman Stewart said the Police Department has a slightly different one. Ms. Russini questioned the City Fence bill.

6. Michael Sullivan, 145 Andover Avenue, asked the procedure for approving bills. Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Di Paolo

Roll call vote: Council members: Di Paolo, LaBruno, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart,  
President Manna-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.

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

There was no discussion from the Council.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

1. Bruce deLyon, Beacon Street, said he had asked the Mayor at the last meeting to explain how Lot 8 could be purchased for \$430,000 plus other charges and purchasing two other properties without increasing the current budget figure. He still hasn't received an answer. President Manna said that at this time we are not going out for additional funding so this is within the scope of the existing bond. Dr. deLyon stated that Bond Ordinance #1519 lists the purchase of two properties.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

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

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

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

Councilman Di Paolo brought up that there are certain groups exempt from this ordinance, which is not noted on the decal. Councilwoman Stewart said that realtors, residents, the Police Department and the Building Department will all be told. Residents will receive this information when they pick up their decal.

Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilman Riquelme

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

**#1553** An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property by the Borough of  
Dumont at 19 W. Quackenbush Avenue, Dumont, New Jersey

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

1. deLyon, Beacon Street, had asked for the legal fees for the various properties. He again asked where we are getting the money for the third property. We are going to have to bond for it.

2. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, asked about the property owners staying in the house after the Borough purchases the property. In response to her questions, Mr. Lafferty responded that the closing is October 31<sup>st</sup>. We do not need this property in order to demolish the old borough hall. He said the figure we are charging them per month has not been determined. Once the Borough owns the property it will be insured through the Borough. If the former owner remains, they would be required to have insurance and name the Borough as additional insured.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

Motion to adopt Ordinance #1553: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

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

Motion to open to the Public for General Comment: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

1. John Sansone, 119 Beacon Street, asked when bid documents for borough hall are going out and are there design changes. Councilman LaBruno answered December and that there are very few changes. Councilman Manna said that it is taking longer to begin demolition because there is much more remediation to be done than expected originally. Mr. Sansone feels the meetings should be streamed. Councilman Di Paolo said he would like to see if some high school students would be interested in handling that. Mr. Sansone asked if he could get a printout of moneys spent from Bond Ordinance #1519. 27 W. Quackenbush should have been taken by eminent domain.

2. Michael Sullivan, 125 Andover, feels there has been no respect to the residents. The Council should have listened to the residents. Meetings should start later and be televised.

3. deLyon, gave President Manna a list of questions pertaining to the fence, crushed stone, a water spigot, a garage on Aladdin, electricity, chemical protections, salt storage, a sign that said paid for by Bergen County Community Development and if the landscaper can rent out the property.

4. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt, contacted DEP regarding the parking lot at Aladdin. If Dumont does not adhere to the regulations, the State could impose penalties or sue. Is NJDEP added as insured? She asked about the parking lot under Green Acres and was told two years could be permitted but a review would have to be done before an extension is permitted. The DEP will request a copy of the lease, which is for a period of five years.

5. Lili Binney, State College, Pa. said that the lot and block are incorrect for the leased property. She asked if Mr. Richards is getting an assistant. President Manna said there is an employee who is a floater. Ms. Binney asked about mosquito spraying at Hirshfield Park on June 6<sup>th</sup>, which she heard Mr. Richards requested. The County Health Department sent an email regarding mosquito spraying due to West Nile and chemical warning to the Municipal Clerk, who in turn, forwarded it to the Borough Administrator. Ms. Binney spoke to someone from the Mosquito Commission and learned that every March or April they start testing the water in certain locations. Are the building department lawsuit transcripts available to the public? How much has been spent on this?

6. Lynne Vietri, 41 Wilkens, said the meetings are too early. She asked if there has been discussion among the Council regarding a marijuana ordinance. Councilwoman Stewart explained that they are contacting different groups to get input.

7. Karen Valido, 24 Overlook Drive, is concerned about recycling regulations in town. She would like to get the word out to clarify them. Councilman LaBruno said he will get a list from the DPW Superintendent.

8. John Sansone asked if the Police Chief has a contract because negotiations is listed for closed session. President Manna explained he has a contract but it is about the wording.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter Closed Session to discuss:

Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public

Litigation-Delihanani

Police Chief-negotiations

Motion: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

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

Following closed session:

Motion to go back into public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman LaBruno  
Second: Councilwoman Rossillo  
All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC  
Municipal Clerk