

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
DUMONT SENIOR CENTER
MAY 2, 2017
6:30 PM**

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 regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Ridgewood News*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call:

Council members: Correa, Di Paolo, Geist, Morrell, Riquelme-present
Councilman Manna-absent
Mayor James Kelly-present

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

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

- #17-118 Frank Magnotta-Appointment to the Board of Health *
- #17-119 Authorization of Agreement with Bergen County for Vehicle Shared Services * Mr. Herr explained that this is an agreement to share vehicles and equipment all the communities and the County.
- #17-120 Authorization of Execution of Johnson Avenue Phase II Road Project Contract *
- #17-121 Approval of Right-of-Way to Verizon Wireless *
- #17-122 Approval of Dumont High School Music Boosters On-premise Merchandise Raffle to be held June 10, 2017; ID#109-5-36714, RL#476 *
- #17-123 Approval of Dumont High School Music Boosters On-premise Cash Raffle to be held June 10, 2017; ID#109-5-36714, RL#475 *
- #17-124 Authorization to Advertise an RFQ for a Grant Writer, commission-based *
- #17-125 Bills List *
- #17-126 Authorization for the Police Department to Initiate the Process of Accepting Applications for Employment *

Motion to open to the public on consent agenda items: Councilman Riquelme
Second: Councilman Geist

All in favor.

1. Rachel Bunin, 9 Poplar Street, asked about the Verizon Right-of-Way. Mr. Paster explained that they attach small nodes to existing poles to increase wireless communication capacity. The Borough gets a fee for the consent.

Motion to close: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Di Paolo, Geist, Morrell, Riquelme-yes

ORDINANCE

First Reading

#1518 Bond Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Section 3(a) of Bond Ordinance No. 1498 finally adopted on May 17, 2016 to Provide for the Purchase of an Additional Sport Utility Vehicle by the Borough of Dumont, to Appropriate an additional \$60,000 therefor and Authorize the Issuance of an additional \$57,000 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance the cost thereof- Reintroduction

Motion to waive the formal reading: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

There was no discussion from the Council

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Di Paolo, Geist, Morrell, Riquelme-yes

#1519 Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements by the Borough of Dumont, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$15,400,000 therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$15,075,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to finance the cost thereof

Motion to waive the formal reading: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Councilwoman Correa asked that RSC Architects give a presentation prior to adopting this ordinance. Mr. Herr stated they are scheduled to be at the next meeting.

Mr. Herr explained that we don't have to spend the money in the ordinance and we don't have to sell all the notes at one time. We have to have the introduction of this ordinance in order to go to the Local Finance Board May 10th. Mayor Kelly stated that usually a 5% down payment is necessary. By presenting a case to the Local Finance Board, we are able to pay \$325,000 as opposed to \$735,000. Mr. Herr added that we have \$150,000 in the budget already and plan to augment that without raising taxes. At the next meeting, there will be a hearing on the budget as introduced. Then we would introduce amendments to the budget. We will not have a hearing on that until after they are advertised. We will then have a special meeting on the amendments and to adopt the budget and the ordinance, possibly May 30th.

Motion to pass on the first reading: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Morrell, Riquelme-yes

Councilman Di Paolo-abstained; Councilman Geist-no

Mr. Herr explained that we need 4 yes votes or we will not be able to go down to the Local Finance Board to get the waiver.

Councilman Di Paolo changed his vote to yes.

Motion carried.

Motion to open to the public for general comments: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman Geist

All in favor.

1. Bruce deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, asked why the ordinance wasn't explained right away. He referred to a statement Mr. Herr made in the Record that he didn't want to speculate about the impact of the down payment on the budget. Mr. Herr explained that he wanted to wait until after the conference call with the Local Finance Board. We think there will not be an increase above what it is right now if things are done the way they spoke of. Dr. deLyon asked how we got in the situation we're in with the new Borough Hall. He's seen no plans or presentations. The Administrator's contract has expired. What is the status. The Mayor replied that there is an investigation going on and we will not be moving on a contract with Mr. Herr. Dr. deLyon asked the status of Chief Conner's contract. The Mayor replied that we have offered him a contract and he is having his lawyer review it.

2. Michael Sullivan, 125 Andover, said we should ask for an extension instead of voting last minute. He spoke of the temporary borough hall and the trailers. He asked if Landmark will be tearing down the old borough hall. The answer was yes.

3. Rachel Bunin, 9 Poplar, asked for clarification on Bond Ordinance #1519 and whether they would be able to ask RSC questions at the May 16th meeting.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

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

DPW Negotiations

Personnel-Police

Motion: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Di Paolo, Geist, Morrell, Riquelme-yes

Following closed session:

Motion to go back into public: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman Morrell

All in favor.

Motion to approve Resolution #127-Authorization to hire Joseph Villone to the Dumont Police Department: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Di Paolo, Geist, Morrell, Riquelme-yes

Motion to approve Resolution #128-Authorization to hire Lauren Morgan to the Dumont Police Department: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Di Paolo

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Di Paolo, Geist, Morrell, Riquelme-yes

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme
All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC
Municipal Clerk