

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
DUMONT SENIOR CENTER
NOVEMBER 9, 2017
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 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 (via phone), Geist, Manna, Morrell (via phone), Riquelme-present

Councilman Di Paolo-absent

Mayor James J. Kelly-present

Also present: Borough Attorney Paster

Motion to Accept Agenda as presented: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Mayor and Council Work Session:

Gina's Field Improvements-presentation by Recreation Commissioners Gerry Aponte, 88 Hickory; Chris Snell, 84 Franklin and Mike Prullelo, 157 Bedford.

Construction Management RFQ's-Councilman Manna said that Construction Management firms were interviewed: Mast, EPIC and Cummings. Mr. Richards and he have gone over their base numbers based on the RSC preliminary sketch. The concept is to bring them on at the beginning of the project to advise and give input to protect the town. He would like to look at the cost and timeline of pre-construction, construction and post-construction Cummings was more detailed in the steps to be taken in each phase. Councilman Geist and Councilman Riquelme agreed that Cummings was most impressive. Pre-construction is important to avoid change orders.

Vacant and Abandoned Properties-The Mayor explained that if a property is not being taken care of, we have someone who takes care of the landscaping. The bank holding the note is then charged. We are thinking of expanding this. Councilman Manna said there have been meetings with the Police Chief, Construction Official, DPW Superintendent, Joint Land Use Board Chairman, Council members Correa and Geist and himself to discuss quality of life issues.

"No Knock" Policy-we're working on instituting this soon to address vendors coming into town.

Councilman Manna made a motion to table Resolution #262. The topic was never brought before the Resolution committee and there's no definition of "emergency".

Second: Councilman Riquelme

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the October 17, 2017 Public Meeting, Closed Session minutes:

Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Geist, Manna, Morrell, Riquelme-yes

Councilwoman Correa-abstained

MAYOR'S REPORT

Saturday there will be a dedication for Matthew La Porte, who was killed at Virginia Tech while saving others' lives. He is a true hero of our town. Chief Conner did a lot of work putting this together.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Richards thanked the Clerk for all her help the past few weeks.

The Salt Shed cover at the DPW is badly ripped. Last year the Council added a snow emergency fund, which allowed him to get the process started in having the roof replaced.

Mr. Richards is restructuring the purchasing polices.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilwoman Correa

Fire Department

There were 50 calls and 1464 man hours in October.

- Councilman Geist

The Councilman congratulated Mr. LaBruno and Ms. Stewart, council members-elect. He will not be attending the League of Municipalities Conference.

- Councilman Manna

He thanked Tom Kelly and Tom Sykes for the job they did on the 100th Anniversary of Camp Merritt. He thanked the veterans and their families. This Saturday the veteran ceremony will be at the memorial monument at Washington and Madison at 11AM.

- Councilman Morrell

Recreation

The trailer was delivered to TwinBoro Field. It's important that Gina's Field improvements gets done.

He congratulated Mr. LaBruno and Ms. Stewart and wished them luck.

- Councilman Riquelme

Library

The work on the roof will begin soon. The Library will be extending their Saturday hours until 5PM

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report

ORDINANCE

Second Reading

#1527 Capital Ordinance Providing for Various Equipment and Improvements in and for the Borough of Dumont, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$65,000.00, therefore from the Capital Fund Surplus to Pay for the costs thereof

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Morrell

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Morrell

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman Morrell

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

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

#17-254 Bills List * Councilwoman Correa requested this be moved to non-consent

#17-255 Authorization to Advertise for RFQ's for 2018 *

#17-256 Authorization to Submit Application for 2018 Community Development for Columbia Avenue Phase II -\$176,228.93 non-matching *

#17-257 Transfer of Budget Appropriations *

#17-258 Approval of Dumont High School Athletic Boosters On-premise Merchandise Raffle to be held February 3, 2018; ID#109-5-24823; RL#493 *

#17-259 Approval of Dumont High School Athletic Boosters off-premise Cash Raffle to be held February 3, 2018; ID#109-5-24823; RL#492 *

#17-260 Approval of Meals on Wheels On-premise Merchandise Raffle Amendment to be held March 2, 2018; ID#547-4-40051, RL#482 *

#17-261 Jennifer Murray-Hire as Administrative Assistant-\$38,000 annually *

#17-262 Authorization of Amendment of the Borough of Dumont By-Laws of the Mayor and Council *

#17-263 Appointment of JIF Commissioner and Alternate JIF Commissioner *

#17-264 Approval to Issue Checks to Recreation Referees and Umpires Upon Receipt *

#17-265 Dumont Salt Shed Roof-Authorization of Replacement -\$72,360.00 *

#17-266 Approval of Vantage Health Community Development Application *

- #17-267 Authorization of 100% Tax Exemption-Block 1010, Lot 30 *
- #17-268 Approval of the Purchase of a 2017 Ford F250 4X4 Vehicle for the Police Department-\$34,047 *
- #17-269 Appointment of Jennifer Murray as Rent Leveling Board Secretary-\$90 per meeting *
- #17-270 Resolution Authorizing Award of a Fence Installation Contract to Bergen Fence-\$8,500 *
- #17-271 Rebecca Vazquez-Hire as Building Department Technical Assistant-\$30,420 annually * Councilman Geist questioned the hiring process.

Motion to open to the public on the Consent Agenda: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

1. Bruce deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, questioned how the fence at Brook Street relates to the Municipal Building. The Mayor explained that in order to purchase the property, the owner needed a place for his landscaping trucks. Without the landscaper's property, the building construction would be more expensive and demolition of the current building would be difficult. Dr. deLyon objected to the fact that Mr. Paster wrote the resolution.

2. Lili Binney, 32 Roxbury, asked about some of the positions on the RFQ's. Will someone monitor the new person in the Building Department? She asked about consent agenda as opposed to non-consent agenda. Who asked that #262 be put on the agenda?

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda with the removal of the Bills List: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

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

Non-consent Agenda:

#17-254 Bills List

Motion to adopt: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Geist

Roll call vote: Council members Geist, Manna, Morrell, Riquelme-yes

Councilwoman Correa: abstained

ORDINANCES

First Reading

#1528 Authorization of the Purchase of Real Property known as Lot 6 in Block 1215 on the Tax Map of the Borough of Dumont, more commonly known as 27 West Quackenbush Avenue

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Mayor Kelly explained that in order to rebuild at 50 Washington Avenue and to keep costs as low as possible we are purchasing the above-mentioned property. This will

allow demolition of the old building and to provide more parking. Several properties on W. Quackenbush were considered but only able to make a deal with this property owner.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

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

#1529 Ordinance Amending Chapter 455-19 of the Borough Code-Fences and Fence Walls

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Councilman Manna explained that this came about because of inquiries from residents and input from the Construction Code Official and Police Chief to address safety and line of sight.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilwoman Correa

Second: Councilman Manna

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

#1530 Ordinance Replacing Chapter 182-2 of the Borough Code-Construction Fees

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Morrell

All in favor.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Morrell

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

#1531 Authorization of Lease of Lot 12, Block 825

The Mayor explained that this storefront will be used for file storage. We currently use File Bank, which costs approximately \$40,000 annually. The rent will be \$1100 per month initially.

Motion to waive on first reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Morrell

All in favor.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilwoman Correa

Second: Councilman Morrell

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

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

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

1. Christopher Snell, 84 Franklin Street, asked for the process for the Gina's Field Improvements. The Mayor suggested that the Recreation Committee, the Engineer and he meet at the site to discuss the project.

2. Jamie O'Neill, 62 Wilkens Drive, asked if the Gina's Field project doesn't work out, can work be done at Columbia instead. The Mayor said it would be possible.

3. Ada Smith, 80 Dumont Avenue, said she and her neighbors were issued parking tickets for parking in front of their own houses. This never happened before. There is two-hour parking on that street. Chief Conner explained this ordinance was put in place to deter commuters from parking on the street. There was discussion as to how to help the residents

4. James Jeude, 76 Dumont Avenue, suggested “residents only” signs. He suggested that overnight parking be in effect only when it snows.

5. deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, thanked Councilman Geist for his service on the Council and wished the new people luck. He questioned Mr. Breslin’s qualifications for being a hearing officer. He doesn’t feel it’s right for council members-elect to be invited to attend closed session meetings. He also doesn’t feel it’s right that Mr. Paster and the auditor contribute to campaigns.

6. Lili Binney, 32 Roxbury Road, doesn’t think it’s wise for council members-elect to attend closed session. FARM’d does not support any one party. She asked the status of the Open Space money. Mr. Richards said they have not released the money yet. Ms. Binney asked the Police Chief has a contract yet. The answer was no. Ms. Binney said that FARM’d feels Resolution #262, which was tabled, is a punitive reaction to Councilwoman Correa trying to remove Mr. Paster as borough attorney and to limit her input.

7. Mary Normoyle, 106 Randolph Avenue, asked the status of the driveway surface ordinance. There was discussion about impervious and pervious. Chief Conner reported on the driveway warnings and summonses. She thought the D’Angelo residents would be getting special dispensation from the Mayor and Council to park on the street.

8. Maryann Russini, 141 Roosevelt Avenue, suggested stickers for residents on the two-hour parking streets. She suggested that the Chief give warnings, not give tickets.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Councilwoman Correa asked if Reorganization could be moved to Wednesday, January 3rd when she will be cleared to travel. The Municipal Clerk will check.

Councilman Morrell announced there will be a fundraiser Sunday at the Knights of Columbus to benefit a family whose house burned down.

There is no closed session tonight, so motion to adjourn: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk