

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 17, 2015  
6:30 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

**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, Hayes, Manna, Morrell, Riquelme, Zamechansky-present  
Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the February 3, 2015 Public Meeting and Closed Session minutes:

Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

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

**Administrator Perkins' Report**

He and Councilman Manna have been looking into Road Micro-surfacing. It is supposed to last five to seven years and is fairly inexpensive. Hopefully we will be doing some roads this year.

Borough Hall moved last Friday to 80 West Madison Avenue.

The Police should be moving into trailers the week of February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A FEMA meeting with Dumont residents is tentatively scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Councilwoman Correa

*Recreation*

At the last meeting, Acting Chairman Tonner introduced Jay Esposito, the new Recreation director, who will be starting tomorrow. There was also a presentation by a company which sets up software for online registration. Their bylaw committee was formed. There were nominations for Chair and Co-Chair. The Councilwoman thanked Bill Wicker for coming in when needed, even though he has retired.

- Councilman Hayes

*Ordinance Committee*

The Committee is reviewing a Police Department hiring ordinance. They are also reviewing a non-smoking in public buildings and parks ordinance.

*Joint Land Use Board*

Their meeting was cancelled last month.

- Councilman Manna

He and Councilman Morrell attended a seminar for elected officials, which was sponsored by the League of Municipalities. It covered everything from legislation, budgeting, purchasing, labor relations, the importance of working with your Borough Clerk, OPRA and Ethics.

Council members Manna, Correa, Riquelme, Hayes and Mayor Kelly also attended the New Jersey Safety Institute seminar, sponsored by JIF. This seminar addressed causes to accidents and liability.

The Councilman stopped into Nonu Vintage, a relatively new store on W. Madison and thanked the owner for opening his store in Dumont.

- Councilman Morrell

*Shade Tree Commission*

Their seminar has been scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- Councilman Riquelme

*DPW*

A total of 395 miles of road was swept in January. Sewers are being checked every day to help prevent sewer problems before they happen. The sign department has been very busy making signs.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

*Seniors*

Last Friday they had a Valentine's Day party. Councilman Riquelme attended to help out.

The Mardi Gras party will be held tomorrow.

*Fire Department*

There were 29 calls in January.

*Police Department*

In January there were 1,850 calls for service. They issued 327 traffic summons, investigated 26 motor vehicle crashes. The Detective Bureau investigated 16 domestic violence cases and handled 45 criminal cases. The Police Committee and Borough Administrator will be meeting tomorrow to discuss a light duty policy.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

It has been essentially finalized that Borough Hall belongs to the Borough; the Board of Education has no claim to it.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Kelly attended a meeting with the Mutual Aid Interboro group regarding CSX. The Chief of Bergenfield and Mutual Aid is putting together a report which will be submitted to the State Legislature.

**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**

**#15-69** Bills List \*

**#15-70** Robert Esposito-Concurrence with the Recreation Commission to Hire as Recreation Director/Coordinator-\$33,000 annual salary \*

**#15-71** Kathy McGrath-Concurrence with the Library Board of Trustees to Appoint her as Acting Director of Dixon Homestead Library \*

**#15-72** Appointment of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann as Borough Bond Counsel for the year 2015 \*

**#15-73** Block 1115, Lot 4-Tax Exemption \*

**#15-74** Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of 2014 Budget Appropriation Reserves \*

Motion to open to the public on consent agenda items: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Correa

All in favor.

1. Rachel Bunin, 9 Poplar, asked for an explanation of resolution #73. Mr. Paster responded the resident is 100% disabled.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Correa

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to adopt: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Riquelme

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

**Non-Consent Agenda**

**#15-75** Authorizing and Directing the Joint Land Use Board of the Borough of Dumont to Conduct a Preliminary Investigation of Certain Property within the Borough for Potential Redevelopment

Mr. Paster explained that this is part of the statute for redevelopment of publicly owned property. A study is necessary to determine whether an area is in need of redevelopment. Since Borough Hall is clearly in substandard condition and had to be vacated, this is a way to assess what the options are. Statutorily, the Governing Body directs the Joint Land Use Board to conduct the study.

**#15-76** Preliminary Costs – Redevelopment Study-Block 1215, Lot 12

Mr. Paster explained that this resolution is the appropriation of the money to undertake Resolution #75.

Motion to open to the public on the non-consent agenda items: Councilwoman Correa

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Motion to adopt: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

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

## **ORDINANCES**

### *First Reading*

**#1483** Amendment of Article V Traffic Control Officers, Chapter 209 Fees of the Dumont Code

Motion to waive the formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Morrell

All in favor.

Mr. Paster explained that this ordinance increases the traffic control fees police charge contractors and utility companies for having police officers directing traffic. The prior five year schedule of fees' ordinance expired.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Manna

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

**#1484** Amendment of Chapter 36 Fire Department of the Dumont Code

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Mr. Paster explained that these are amendments to the Fire Department Code requested by the Board of Fire Officers having to do with the selection of officers.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Correa

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

Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

1. Robert MacDonald, 75 Lucille Avenue, asked the status of the Roosevelt Avenue Project. He complained about the disrepair of D'Angelo's and if they are being issued summonses. He asked if there is an ordinance requiring residents to shovel out hydrants and sidewalks. Who is responsible for issuing summons for not shoveling? He would be willing to help Mr. Cavadias. He said there is a vacant house on the corner of Highwood and Madison and it is not maintained. He also asked about the replacement of hydrant rebars.

2. Rachel Bunin, 9 Poplar, asked if there is anything new with D'Angelo's and if the soil study has been done. Mr. Paster responded that the person who has access to the buildings has been away. He expects to hear from them this week. Ms. Bunin also mentioned the Shade Tree seminar, which was rescheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Continuing Education credits are earned for attending. 7 Poplar is a vacant property.

3. Lynne Vietri asked if the deal has fallen through with Landmark. Mr. Paster responded that it hasn't.

4. MaryAnn Russini, 141 Roosevelt Avenue, asked if there is an update on the pipe. Mayor Kelly stated that the engineer is waiting for nicer weather.

Motion to close: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilwoman Correa

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk