

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.  
MINUTES  
MAY 5, 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, Riquelme, Zamechansky-present

Council members Manna and Morrell-absent

Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the March 17, 2015 Public Meeting and Closed Session minutes:

Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

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

Motion to approve the March 30, 2015 Special Meeting and Closed Session minutes:

Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Riquelme

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

Motion to approve the April 7, 2015 Public Meeting minutes: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

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

Motion to approve the April 21, 2015 Public Meeting minutes: Councilwoman

Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Hayes

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

Councilman Riquelme-abstained

**ADMINISTRATOR PERKINS' REPORT**

The DPW sweeper, which is eleven years old, broke. Sweepers, which are also used for leaf pickup, usually last seven to eleven years. The estimated repair cost is \$47,000. Not having a second sweeper could jeopardize leaf season and whether we use overtime.

A new sweeper would cost about \$215,000. The problem with ordering a new sweeper is that it can take five to seven months. However, there is an Elgin sweeper in production, which has not been promised to a municipality. It might be possible for the Borough to procure that one but we should move quickly on this.

Mr. Perkins was asked to check again to see if there are any for lease.

Roll call vote on consenting to buy a sweeper if none are available for lease: Council members Correa, Hayes, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

As of today sixty-three tons of asphalt has been used to fill potholes.

DPW passed the Right to Know inspection.

The Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup>.

JIF regional training on preventing sexual harassment and other hostile behaviors in the workplace, will be held for Department Heads May 20<sup>th</sup> or May 21<sup>st</sup> in Fair Lawn

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Councilwoman Correa

The Councilwoman will attend the Recreation Commission meeting tomorrow.

- Councilman Hayes

#### *Joint Land Use Board*

The Councilman attended the meeting April 28<sup>th</sup>. There were two applications: one was a minor subdivision for 381 Madison Avenue approving three homes and the other was the Cingular tower at the DPW, which was carried over until the next meeting.

#### *Finance*

There will be one more meeting to see if we can bring it down a little.

- Councilman Riquelme

The Councilman will give his report at the next meeting.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

#### *Seniors*

May 16<sup>th</sup> will be another Mayor's luncheon.

#### *Relay for Life*

This event will be held June 5<sup>th</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup> at the high school.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

The Police Department concluded their report on the fatality at Grant School and there were numerous OPRA requests.

Addendum #1 was issued for the Solid Waste and Recycling bid. The bid opening is scheduled for May 28<sup>th</sup>. We have received written confirmation from the current vendors that they will continue the current contract until the new bid award.

A report was received from Tax Appeal counsel on the Dumont Terrace Apartments, which will be discussed in closed session. Mr. Paster will be seeking action authorizing an appraisal from our borough appraiser.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor congratulated those who finished their auxiliary police education and graduated last night: Aadriel Abdool, Kent English, Nicholas Foglio, Marc Garofalo, Brian Ooms, Andrei Sandor and Michael Scerbo.

Last night was the kick-off for Vantage Health's mental health initiative. Dumont has become a stigma-free town. The purpose is for people with mental illness will seek help. The Initiative is creating a task force of different things we can do to alert Dumont residents.

The Municipal Clerk announced that the Public Hearing on the 2015 Municipal Budget introduced April 7, 2015 has been rescheduled for May 19, 2015

**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**

**#15-124** Authorization to Hire Two Police Officers \* Councilman Hayes requested this resolution be moved to non-consent.

**#15-125** Authorization of Execution of HARP Two-year Agreement-\$23,813.00 annually \*

**#15-126** Catherine Napoleone-Hire as Dixon Homestead Library Director-\$70,000 annually \* The Library salaries are according to State guidelines.

**#15-127** Appointment of OEM Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators \*

**#15-128** Approval of Amendment to Dumont High School Music Booster Raffle RL#429 and RL#430 \*

Councilwoman Zamechansky stated that since the last police hiring Chief Venezia, Captain Coughlin, Officers Roem, Voorhis and Tulli have left so we are short-staffed.

Councilwoman Correa asked if anyone will be attending the CSX meeting in Atlanta. It is paid for by CSX. There is someone from the Fire Department who might be attending. If not, the Mayor will attend.

Motion to open to the public on Consent Agenda items: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Riquelme

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

**Non-consent Agenda**

**15-124** Authorization to Hire Two Police Officers

Councilman Hayes stated that since Council members Manna and Morrell are absent tonight and Councilwoman Correa has a son in the Police Department so would be ineligible to vote on this, we should wait to vote on this. He remembers that when the Police Department went to the 12 hour shift, the Department required five less officers. There are several things last year that the Police Committee required from the Police Chief: reorganizing schedules and light duty policy. In his opinion, he doesn't feel we don't have enough police officers; he feels there is too much absenteeism and too much time given with the twelve hour shift because they get three days extra a quarter, vacation, sick time, emergency days, and workers comp. Therefore, the Chief is

constantly filling spots. The twelve hour shift is supposed to be reviewed every six months. He feels the twelve hour shift costs the town more money. He would like to wait until January to see if any police officers retire before hiring two more.

Mr. Paster stated that he had consulted with Councilwoman Correa on whether she should vote on Resolution #124. He does not see where the conflict is. If it had to do with promotions, it might be different. Mr. Paster had given the same advice to Councilman Brophy.

Councilman Riquelme stated that more police would be needed to cover the eight hour shift because there would then be three shifts.

Mr. Paster stated that applications have been received and interviews scheduled for May 27. If the resolution is approved the next meeting there won't be enough time to get everything done in time for them to enter the Academy July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Councilman Hayes made a motion to pull Resolution #124 until the next meeting.

There was no second.

Motion to adopt Resolution #124: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

1. Debbie Tamburro, 125 Roosevelt Avenue, stated that we are 111 out of 580 towns and that has a lot to do with the police who work here. We should be proud of this.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

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

Councilman Hayes-no

Councilman Hayes would like it on the record that Councilwoman Correa should not be voting because she has a family member in the Police Department. Also, he has nothing against the Police. If we need more police, he's all for it but he hasn't been shown that we really need it.

Councilwoman Correa stated that nothing would hinder her decision in this police hiring process.

Mr. Paster stated that the new Police Ordinance calls for the Police Committee interview to include the three members of the Police Committee. If one or more is unavailable, the Governing Body is authorized to replace the member who can't attend. Since Councilwoman Zamechansky cannot be present, this should be considered. Councilwoman Correa and Councilman Hayes offered. Mayor Kelly said he had received an email from another council person as well. This will be decided at the May 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

## **ORDINANCES**

*Second Reading*

**#1489** Ordinance Repealing Chapter 31 of the Dumont Code-Establishment of Ethics Board

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

There was no discussion from the Council  
Motion to open to the public: Councilman Hayes  
Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky  
All in favor.

1. Richard McLaughlin, 358 Prospect Avenue, asked how much money is saved by eliminating the Ethics Board; he is concerned about the appearance. Mayor Kelly responded \$3,000 and if there is a complaint, the State would handle it.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Zamechansky  
Second: Councilwoman Correa  
All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilwoman Correa

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

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

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

1. Maryann Russini, 141 Roosevelt Avenue, asked if there is a date for the bid for the Roosevelt project and whether she would need a permit. Mr. Perkins responded that the permit could be waived, if one is needed. She said that she plans on going down her driveway now. She was told to make sure there is a cleanout somewhere.

2. Debbie Tamburro, 125 Roosevelt Avenue, stated she is going to do this project but if it fails, what then? She is willing to do an easement on her property if that would work better. Mr. Perkins stated that the Borough is planning on putting a pipe in the street. The residents have to get a contractor to connect from their property to the pipe. It is the responsibility of their contractor if it doesn't work.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter closed session to discuss Litigation-Landmark and Tax Appeal-Dumont Terrace Apartments

Motion: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Zamechansky

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

Motion to go back into public following closed session: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

**Resolution #129** is added: Resolution authorizing the Borough Appraiser to prepare an appraisal on the Dumont Terrace Tax Appeal, not to exceed \$9,500 and \$100 an hour litigation cost. Mr. Paster will get an actual estimate from the appraiser so that an actual figure can be inserted.

Motion to adopt: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Riquelme

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

Motion to adjourn: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC  
Municipal Clerk