

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
SENIOR CENTER  
AUGUST 14, 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 time, place and change in date 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, Manna, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart-present

Councilman LaBruno-absent

Mayor James Kelly-absent

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the July 17, 2018 Public and Closed Session minutes: Councilman Di Paolo

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

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

**Administrator's Report**

50 Washington Avenue:

Mr. Richards reported that eminent domain has been filed on the 27 W. Quackenbush Avenue. The generator has been moved from 50 Washington Avenue. Jeff Schlecht from RSC presented options for the building facade. Asbestos removal has begun. The water flow test in front of the building has been done. Mr. Richards has sent the building plans to four vendors for furniture.

Chief Conner is accepting resumes for a full-time dispatcher. The information is on their website.

The biometric time equipment, which will be installed at Borough Hall and the DPW, has been ordered.

Shared Services:

We have to move municipal court sessions from Bergenfield. We will have shared services in November with Tenafly. We have three shared service agreements with Bergen County, which includes one to borrow a street sweeper, one for vehicle maintenance and one for borrowing Fire Apparatus.

Columbia Avenue II has been approved by Community Development for \$163, 978. New Milford and Washington Avenues will be videotaped prior to paving. First Street project has been delayed due to the weather but will begin soon.

### **Council Committee Reports**

- Councilman Di Paolo

No report

- Councilman Riquelme

#### *Police Department*

In July there were 1,857 telephone calls for service: 84 for medical reasons, 10 for fire and 2 for commitment. The patrol division issued 92 traffic summonses; investigated 40 motor vehicle crashes; 12,361 miles were traveled. The Detective Bureau handled 35 criminal cases, 1 indictable arrest and 6 non-indictable arrest. 32 officers and 8 dispatchers received mandated no tolerance/employments practices training given by the Bergen JIF; 6 officers received discretionary tactical response team training.

#### *Fire Department*

In June there were 10 active alarms and 940 total man hours.

- Councilwoman Rossillo

No report

- Councilwoman Stewart

#### *Shade Tree*

Concerts at the Gazebo were very well attended.

On August 5<sup>th</sup> our Library and Recreation Department sponsored a concert together.

#### *Recreation Commission*

They are planning a fundraiser for October.

- Councilman Manna

#### *Finance Committee*

The Councilman thanked the Finance Committee, the Administrator, Auditor and Department Heads for working on the budget and audit. The audit this year is much better than last year's. Last year there were seventeen items, fourteen of which were critical. This year we had seven issues to be addressed of which four are being worked on right now.

### **Attorney's Report**

No report

**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**

#18-187 Tax Grace Period-August 27, 2018

#18-188 Anthony Schiraldi-Salary Increase-Certified as DPW Superintendent-\$118,954 \*

#18-189 Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund-Membership Renewal \*

#18-190 Bills List \*

#18-191 2018 Salary Resolution \*

#18-192 Michael Streim-Accept Application to the Dumont Fire Department \*

- #18-193 Approval of Block Party on Dakota Avenue September 1, 2018 \*
- #18-194 2017 Audit Certification \*
- #18-195 Natalia Tello-Accept Resignation as Dispatcher \*
- #18-196 Approval of Block Party on Wolcott Road September 15, 2018 \*
- #18-197 Ross Rhein-Accept Application as Firefighter \*
- #18-198 Vincent Mazzilli-Accept Application to the Dumont Fire Auxiliary \*
- #18-199 Christopher Hargrave-Approval of Transfer to Hose Company #3 \*
- #18-200 Approval of County Collision & Towing to be included on Towing Company List \*
- #18-201 Authorization of Execution of Agreement with the County for Short Term Emergency Sharing of Fire Apparatus \*
- #18-202 Recreation Fees \*
- #18-203 First Street Project Change Order #1-\$2,000 \*
- #18-204 Approval of Beautification Committee Appointments \*
- #18-205 Authorization for the Fire Department to Purchase Scott Paks-\$380,507.70 \*
- #18-206 Authorization for the Fire Department to Purchase Fire Gear-\$22,239.69 \*

Motion to open to the public on the Consent Agenda only: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman Rossillo

All in favor.

1. deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, asked about longevity in resolution #191. Mr. Richards explained that there are several members who are grandfathered. He questioned the audit and cited recommendations from 2012 through 2017. He feels that some of the wording has changed but they are repeats. He feels that the auditor charges too much and should be replaced.

2. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, is happy that there are purchases on the bills list from Dumont Hardware. She questioned a bill for David Street, Clean Communities. She requested as a Rec. Commissioner that Resolution #202 be pulled. The Recreation fees should have a range. Some programs give a discount. Council president Manna said that the ranges will be on September's agenda.

3. Gerry Aponte, 88 Hickory, asked about the ranges of Recreation Commission. President Manna replied that the range gives them flexibility.

4. Karen Valido, 24 Overlook Drive, asked what the County Sheriff pilot is on the bills list. Mr. Richards will find out.

Motion to closed to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Di Paolo

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

Councilwoman Stewart announced the beautification committee: the two three-year terms will be filled by John Sansone and Anthony Schiraldi; the two two-year terms will be Colleen Holdsworth and Tom Fisichella and Maryann Russini will fill the one-year term.

**ORDINANCE:**

*First 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: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

Mr. Richards explained that this ordinance covers adding a W. Quackenbush property and remediation of the three properties to be acquired..

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Di Paolo

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

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

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

1. John Sansone, 119 Beacon Street, asked if we are adding a property to the bond, how would we have enough money to finish our project. President Manna explained that that was already built into it.

2. Karen Valido, Overlook Drive, was sad that the Environmental Committee was disbanded. She said that good furniture is put out by the curb, which could be useful to someone. She found a place in Westwood which will take furniture. The Municipal Clerk will have the information posted on the Borough website.

3. deLyon, Beacon Street, commented that the labor hearing be settled as soon as possible. He asked about the Atlantic City Conference payment. The response was that it will take place in November. He said he never received answers to questions he had asked the Mayor sixty days ago.

4. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, said that the Dumont Community Group will be holding a raffle.

5. Dan Monti, 107 Second Street, asked when the depositions will be released pertaining to the employee hearing. Mr. Lafferty responded at the conclusion of the matter. Mr. Monti asked if the Council have seen them. He referred to the borough code, which states that departments will be covered during lunch and asked if that could be looked into since he has found some departments are closed. The code also says that matters will be resolved expeditiously but fourteen months for the personnel matter is too long. Mr. Lafferty explained that the Council cannot comment in public about the specific hearing you are addressing. They will be updated in closed session by the labor attorney. Many issues are beyond the Council's ability to control scheduling. The hearing officer is not bound by the borough code.

6. David Corrigan, Esq., Keyport, represents Cathy Romeo, Arthur Cavadias, Ed Rossi and the late Dan Krystyniak. The hearing officer recommended that Mr. Krystyniak be suspended without pay and asked how that would be handled. He wanted a public hearing and will answer questions. He spoke of overtime.

7. Dan Monti asked why they refuse to deal with this in good faith.

8. Michael Sullivan, Andover Avenue, feels a human services employee is important. Lawsuits cost too much. He spoke of the overtime. He complained about the sound system. He wants the town cleaned up.

9. Bill Bochicchio, Hillcrest Drive, Joint Land Use Board Chairman, said that he had asked

Dan Krystyniak and Steve Cavadias for crowd control during the farm issues. He said the Mayor and Council needed crowd control also. That was part of the overtime expenses. This ruined those people's reputations.

10. Maureen, 276 Depew Street, asked why, if the overtime budget for the Building Department was \$2,000, they didn't pick it up earlier.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart  
Second: Councilwoman Rossillo  
All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter Closed Session:  
Purchase, Acquisition or Lease of Real Property with Public Funds  
Personnel- Labor hearing  
Litigation-Delihasani  
Contract Negotiations-Police Chief  
Contract Negotiations-Administrator  
Motion: Councilwoman Stewart  
Second: Councilman Di Paolo  
Roll call vote: Council members Di Paolo, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart, President Manna-yes

Following closed session, motion to go back into public: Councilman Riquelme  
Second: Councilman Di Paolo  
All in favor.

**Resolution #207** Disciplinary Hearing Adoption of the Hearing Officer's Recommendation in Imposing Discipline

There was one change in the recommendation of Hearing Officer Breslin: The Borough formally adopts recommendations 1, 2, 4 and 5 and does not adopt recommendation 3.

Motion to adopt: Councilwoman Stewart  
Second: Councilwoman Rossillo  
Roll call vote: Council members Di Paolo, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart, President Manna-yes

Motion to close and adjourn: Councilwoman Rossillo  
Second: Councilman Di Paolo  
All in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:20PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC  
Municipal Clerk