

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
SENIOR CENTER
SEPTEMBER 4, 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 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: LaBruno, Manna, Riquelme, Stewart-present

Council members Di Paolo and Rossillo-absent

Mayor James Kelly-absent

Motion to accept agenda as presented with the exception of a second reading of Bond Ordinance #1550 due to the lack of the required number of voting members of the Council tonight: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

Sofia Marchese presented her plan for a project in order to attain her gold award. She is a member of Girl Scout Troop #177. She is building a cart for Tomorrow's Children's Fund so that pediatric cancer patients can have accessible entertainment during chemotherapy. She is collecting arts and crafts materials. She has set up a collection area at the Library.

Work Session:

Councilman LaBruno spoke of the possibility of the Governing Body going paperless by using tablets. He will be testing this for a couple of months. The Administrator and Borough Clerk will do a cost analysis on the cost of printing for every meeting. He is trying to find the best application to be used for editing and taking notes during the meeting. President Manna asked about security and was told it's the same as our outlook security. Councilwoman Stewart asked for assurance that the Council would be using the tablet solely for borough business at the meetings. Councilman LaBruno replied that the tablets are not connected to the internet. In addition, there has been discussion about storage in new building and this would definitely help.

Councilman LaBruno gave an update on the new borough hall. They have a meeting tomorrow with the architects to talk about the facade. The abatement of the old building is being conducted now and should last about five weeks. The building

demolition will then commence. The demolition company has been told to salvage anything historical such as the high school caste and the two columns in front. The development team and council committee met recently with the Department of Corrections, the Juvenile Conference Committee and the Bergen County Division of Courts. They suggested some minor changes.

President Manna said that one of the issues is that our communications may have to change frequency. We are looking at what equipment needs to be replaced and what configuration is needed. This would apply to all of our emergency services.

President Manna explained that they have received a letter of intent to retire from our Court Administrator. We will be following the process advertising and interviewing for a Court Administrator. The County of Bergen has already advertised. He read the criteria. The resumes have to be submitted by September 14th; interviews will be conducted September 21st at the Hackensack Courthouse. The panel will consist of the Mayor, Judge, Administrator, County Court Administrator and a representative from the County Judge's staff.

President Manna stated that we will be contacting our COAH adviser, CME, to deal with COAH paperwork. Mr. Richards had spoken to Mr. Szabo, our COAH affairs planner, who said the town is protected because the ordinances, including the overlay ordinance, have been adopted.

There have been discussions regarding having our Police Department certified. Mr. Richards said the Chief and senior officers are in favor of accreditation. It will save us insurance payments and limit people from suing the police. The savings will outweigh the cost of accreditation. It can't be done unless the police department has cells, which they don't have currently in the trailers.

President Manna explained that the corrective action for the 2017 audit is on tonight's agenda. The last meeting Dr. deLyon gave us a piece of paper where he felt there were discrepancies beyond what the audit indicated. Our CFO reported that recommendations 1, 2 and 3a were the only repeats from 2016. There were seventeen comments in 2016. Management has implemented action to make sure they were addressed.

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

#18-208 Approval of Change of Petty Cash Custodian for the Police Department *

#18-209 Approval of Rescinding the Recreation Petty Cash Fund *

#18-210 Approval of Establishing a Petty Cash Fund for the Health Department *

#18-211 Amendment of 2018 Salary Resolution *

#18-212 Approval of Camp Acorn Inc. Calendar Raffle Application to be held 1/1/2019 to 6/30/19; ID# 373-4-35885, RL#517 *

#18-213 Keith Jaeger-Certified as Fertilizer Applicator-\$1,500.00 *

#18-214 Beryl Horbert-Accept Letter of Retirement *

#18-215 Resolution Authorizing the Settlement of Eminent Domain Proceedings Relating to 27 W. Quackenbush Avenue, Dumont, New Jersey *

#18-216 Authorization of 100% Veteran Tax Exemption-Block 716, Lot 2 *

#18-217 Approval of Two-Year Proposal for Mercury Environmental- \$1,475 *

#18-218 William Paige-Hire as Administrative Assistant-\$35,000 annually *

#18-219 2017 Audit Corrective Action *

#18-220 Appointment of T&M Associates as Special Projects Engineers *

#18-221 Approval of Payment Certificate #2 to AJM Contractors for Thompson Street CDBG Project-\$2,546.73 *

#18-222 Approval of Block Party to be held on Colonial Parkway October 6, 2018 *

#18-223 Approval of Block Party to be held on Blanche Court September 22, 2018 *

Councilwoman Stewart commented that the document pertaining to Asplint states there will be a \$1,000 a month rental fee. It was her understanding that it was going to be market value rental fee. Mr. Richards said that he and the attorney consulted with our Borough Appraiser, who gave us a recommendation of \$900-\$1100. We chose the center number.

President Manna explained that there have been issues with TwinBoro Field. Was the barrier breached? Was there a shift due to the excessive rain we've had? T&M was the original engineer so they are being brought in as special project engineers.

Motion to open to the public for comments on the Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

1. deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, asked why the custodian for the Police Department petty cash hadn't been changed before now. He questioned the Asplint lease and costs to the Borough. Because we waited on the 27 W. Quackenbush property, which is in the overlay zone, he feels that the cost of the property escalated. He said he stands by what he said regarding the audit comments. There should be quarterly reports to the public on the status of the recommendations in the audit.

2. Maryann Russini, 141 Roosevelt, questioned the amount it is costing to purchase 27 W. Quackenbush. Mr. Lafferty explained that eminent domain is expensive. Ms. Russini doesn't understand why we had to find a place for Mr. Asplint and provide electricity. President Manna explained that this was to facilitate the demolition and rebuild of borough hall. She complained that Asplint's trucks will be on the site used for parking for girls' softball.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

Roll call vote: Council members LaBruno, Riquelme, Stewart, President Manna-yes

ORDINANCES

Second 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.
TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING.

First Reading

#1551 An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property by the Borough of Dumont at 27 W. Quackenbush Avenue, Dumont, New Jersey and the Leasing of Real Property Located at Block 203, Lot 17 on Aladdin Avenue to Dwain Asplint

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

Motion to pass on 1st reading: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

Roll call vote: Council members LaBruno, Riquelme, Stewart, President Manna-yes

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

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

1. deLyon asked if there are plans to pave DeLong Avenue and any others. President Manna explained that we have applied for a DOT grant and we have looked at Grant Avenue, also. Columbia Avenue will be done, also. Dr. deLyon asked how 27 W. Quackenbush is being paid for and updated information on Bond Ordinance #1519.

2. Michael Sullivan, 125 Andover, asked about Massachusetts Avenue and was told it is in Haworth.

3. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, asked if the design for the new building is final. President Manna stated that there is a schematic of each floor, we met with the architect to talk about exteriors. We are now talking to furniture design companies. Ms. Russini questioned the employee hearing status. Mr. Richards explained that the Council has decided to adopt the recommendations of the hearing officer and a resolution was passed. There are no names in the resolution. Ms. Russini asked about the Police Chief's contract and was told he has a contract. She said that Dumont Day rides will be free.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to go into closed session to discuss:

Negotiations-Police Chief

Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property with Public Funds

Litigation-Delihanani

Negotiations-Administrator

Motion: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

Roll call vote: Council members LaBruno, Riquelme, Stewart, President Manna-yes

Motion to go back into public following closed session: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk