

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
SENIOR CENTER
NOVEMBER 8, 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 Di Paolo, LaBruno, Manna, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart-present
Mayor James J. Kelly-absent
Borough Attorney Kool-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Di Paolo

All in favor.

Work Session:

Fire Prevention Ordinance

Councilwoman Stewart stated there are very few changes. It's really to bring us into compliance with the State. Mr. Gluckman has highlighted the changes. One of the issues is conversation in social media. Another area we are looking into is restrictions on fire pits.

Best Practices Questionnaire

Mr. Richards explained that the State sends towns a questionnaire to see if we comply in a number of areas. He sat with the Municipal Clerk and CFO and went through the questions. If you don't reach a certain number, you can lose the percentage you are supposed to receive in State funds. We have reached 56 out of 61 so we have complied. He went over a number of yes and no questions. Councilwoman Stewart was assured that the questionnaire is actually reviewed at the State level. Councilman Di Paolo asked to do over the "no" questions. Hybrid vehicles will be considered. The other questions are being worked on to improve right now.

President Manna said that the Beautification Committee has been working diligently to compose a mission statement and have a letter they will circulate in the business district. People on the committee are energized. If anyone has suggestions, contact Anthony Schiraldi, who is the Chairperson.

Councilman LaBruno stated he has been working with a leftover Galaxy tablet. It is difficult, however, to navigate. It's difficult to make notes on it and to receive downloads. He would suggest looking at laptops. He has been working with Jeanine in the Borough Clerk's office and with Josh Gottheimer to register with the GSA program, which is a federal grant program. The items are either new or gently used so perhaps they will have laptops available.

Councilwoman Stewart looked into using WiFi at the Senior Center but unfortunately, we can't because it would be a violation of the sanctity of information at Social Services. She will look into other ways of obtaining WiFi but we do not own the building. Councilman Di Paolo suggested going through the borough's phone plan to get a hotspot to use. He also suggested cloths to cover the tables to make it look more presentable.

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

#18-252 Authorization to Enter into a CDBG Grant Agreement for Columbia Avenue II Rehabilitation *

#18-253 Designation of Thomas Richards as Signatory for CDBG Vouchers *

#18-254 First Street Payment Certificate #1-\$46,790.00 *

#18-255 Matthew A. Khan-Accept Fire Application *

#18-256 Anthony Guercio-Accept Letter of Resignation from the Dumont Fire Department *

#18-257 Sean Coyle-Accept Resignation from the Dumont Fire Department *

#18-258 Approval of Selzer School PTO Calendar Raffle March 1-May 31, 2019; RL#523, ID#109-5-37089 *

#18-259 Approval of K of C #1345 St. Johns Council Off-premise Cash Raffle; RL#524, ID#109-6-7021 *

#18-260 Approval of Independent Fire Company's Request to Hold a Boot Drive November 24, 2018 *

#18-261 Authorization to renew Shared Services Agreement for TV Inspection with Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority *

#18-262 Authorization for the Municipal Clerk to Advertise for RFQ's for 2019 *

#18-263 Written Policy for Borough Vehicles *

#18-264 Policy Requiring the Borough of Dumont Tax Assessor to Notify the Governing Body and Chief Financial Officer of all Tax Appeals upon Filing *

#18-265 Authorization for the Dumont Police Department to Begin the Process of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Purposes * Councilman LaBruno applauded the police department for beginning the long process of accreditation. It is a plus for the police department, the residents and our insurance. Mr. Richards added that JIF provides \$25,000 once they are approved.

#18-266 Catherine Romeo-Appointment as JIF alternate Commissioner *

#18-267 Approval of DHS Music Boosters Amended Raffle Date from December 12, 2018 to December 10, 2018-RL#520, ID#109-5-36714 *

Motion to open to the public on consent agenda items: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

1. Bruce deLyon, asked about Resolution #264, to which Mr. Richards explained it is to conform with Best Practices. Dr. deLyon asked if there is a certain number of tax appeals every year. He recommends that the word “request” is replaced with “required”. There is a line item for this. President Manna explained that Resolution #265 does not specify costs because there will be another resolution in 2019, which will. Dr. deLyon questioned Ms. Romeo’s ability to handle JIF since she used to be in the finance office. Mr. Richards explained that she is handling a number of responsibilities; he is trying to have cross-training.

2. Mary Normoyle, 106 Randolph Ave. asked how many Borough vehicles there are and will there be any additions, referring to Resolution #263. Mr. Richards responded that the Police Chief, DPW Superintendent, three Fire Chiefs and Fire Sub code Official.

3. Maryann Russini, 141 Roosevelt, asked who would be reviewing the RFQ’s. President Manna said it go to the Municipal Clerk who will send them to the Borough Attorney to make sure the applicants are qualified. Then the Mayor and Council will review them.

4. Karen Valido, 24 Overlook Drive, asked for clarification of #263. Mr. Richards responded that Best Practices require a written policy. Ms. Valido said she sees some borough vehicles being used for personal use.

5. Judy Parker, Closter, asked if the cars have GPS. The answer was no.

Motion to close: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilman Di Paolo

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

ORDINANCE

First Reading

#1554 An Ordinance to amend, revise and supplement Ordinance no. 1525 and its progenies as to the establishment of certain compensation ranges and related items for certain officers and employees

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Councilman Di Paolo asked if there any major changes from last year. President Manna responded no. Mr. Richards explained that adopting the ordinance at this time will allow employees to receive raises in salary spread out beginning in January as opposed to late in the year and having to pay a retroactive lump sum. Councilman

Di Paolo feels that if some of the positions are full-time, the salaries are too low. He would like to table this ordinance in order to have more time to get more information. President Manna suggested that the Councilman speak to the CFO for clarification. Councilman LaBruno would like to research this more, also. Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to table; Councilman LaBruno seconded.

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

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

Second: Councilman Di Paolo

All in favor.

1. deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, said he had submitted an OPRA, which came back with some redactions. He thought that if a project is finished, he could receive information unredacted. The attorney explained that you can't make that general assumption; it depends on the circumstances. Dr. deLyon questioned whether the hiring of Colleen Rannucci and Chrissy Apicella was a swap and how their positions were advertised. Mr. Richards said that he is promoting cross-training. Mr. Kool said personnel should not be discussed. Dr. deLyon asked about a purchase order, water bill and garage for the property for the landscaper. He asked how many quotes were requested for the fence. Mr. Richards responded three. Dr deLyon heard a rumor that a part-time building department employee received vacation pay. Mr. Kool stated that this is a personnel issue again.

2. Mary Normoyle, 106 Randolph, asked if the Snell lawsuit is ongoing and who the defendants are. President Manna replied that as far as he knows, it is and he doesn't know who the defendants are. Ms. Normoyle questioned the cost of the fence. The DPW Superintendent handled the quotes.

3. Daniel Rowell, 106 Randolph, asked where Hirschfield ballfield is. Councilwoman Stewart said perhaps it's in New Milford.

4. Maryann Russini, 141 Roosevelt, said the agendas are posted on Friday and asked why the resolutions and ordinances aren't so the residents have more time. Ms. Connelly responded that she likes to have the Governing Body see it prior to them being put on the website. Ms. Russini asked who is representing the town for the lawsuit involving the four employees. The reply was Chasan Lamparello. She asked if they will be defending Councilman Manna to which he replied he has to wait for JIF to assign someone. She brought up the mosquito spraying. Mr. Richards said that the Mosquito Commission comes out all the time without notification. They notified us this time because of the West Nile virus. Mr. Richards answered a list of questions Ms. Russini had sent the Mayor regarding the Asplint lease. Green Acres was discussed. Ms. Russini pointed out that the salary range for the arts & crafts counselor is incorrect.

5. Chris Sheridan, 9 Wilcox, expressed disappointment that the parking lot can no longer be used for people who come to the softball games.

6. Karen Valido, 24 Overlook, asked the specifications of the fence. Discussion ensued about the fence.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter closed session to discuss:
Purchase, lease, acquisition of real property with public funds
Negotiations-Police Chief
Litigation-update on Cavadias vs. Borough of Dumont
Litigation-Delihasani
Motion: Councilman Riquelme
Second: Councilwoman Stewart
Roll call vote: Council members Di Paolo, LaBruno, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart,
President Manna-yes
Following closed session:
Motion to go back into public: Councilwoman Stewart
Second: Councilman LaBruno
All in favor.
Motion to close: Councilwoman Stewart
Second: Councilman LaBruno
All in favor,
Motion to adjourn: Councilwoman Stewart
Second: Councilman LaBruno
All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC
Municipal Clerk