

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
SENIOR CENTER
JANUARY 15, 2019
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 *Ridgewood News*, filed with the Borough and posted on the Borough official bulletin board.

Roll Call:

Council members Chae, Englese, LaBruno, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-present
Mayor James J. Kelly-absent

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

A Proclamation was presented by Councilwoman Stewart to Anna and Tom Fisichella in recognition of their train show held at the Library.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the January 5, 2019 Sine Die Meeting Minutes: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

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

Motion to approve the January 5, 2019 Reorganization Meeting Minutes: Councilman Chae

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Englese, LaBruno, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

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

#19-31 Appointment of CME Associates as the Borough's Affordable Housing Administrator for 2019 *

#19-32 Appointment of McNerney & Associates, Inc as the Borough's Appraiser for 2019 *

#19-33 Appointment of RSC Architects as the Borough's Architects for 2019 *

- #19-34 Appointment of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins as the Borough's Auditors for 2019 *
- #19-35 Appointment of Waters, McPherson, McNeil as the Borough's Bond Counsel for 2019 *
- #19-36 Appointment of Burgis Associates as the Borough's COAH Planner for 2019 *
- #19-37 Appointment of Remington & Vernick as the Borough's Engineers for 2019 *
- #19-38 Appointment of Acacia Financial Group as the Borough's Financial Advisors for 2019 *
- #19-39 Appointment of Millennium Strategies, LLC as the Borough's Grant Writers for 2019 *
- #19-40 Appointment of Connolly & Hickey as the Borough's Historic Architects for 2019 *
- #19-41 Appointment of Dart Computer Services as the Borough's IT firm for 2019 *
- #19-42 Vincent Tamburro Sr.-Accept Resignation from Active Status from Fire Department Hose Company 3 *
- #19-43 Appointment of Burgis Associates Inc. as the Borough's Planner for 2019 *
- #19-44 Appointment of Breslin & Breslin as the Borough's Prosecutor for 2019 *
- #19-45 Appointment of Louis G. DeAngelis, LLC as the Borough's Public Defender for 2019 *
- #19-46 Appointment of Brown & Brown Metro, Inc as the Borough's Risk Manager for 2019 *
- #19-47 Appointment of Remington & Vernick, T&M Associates, Neglia Engineering Associates and Boswell Engineering as the Borough's Special Projects Engineers for 2019 *
- #19-48 Appointment of Boggia & Boggia, LLC as the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney for 2019 *
- #19-49 Authorization for the Municipal Clerk to Re-advertise for Borough Attorney, Labor Counsel and Special Counsel RFQ's *
- #19-50 Appointment of David Gluckman as Fire Official-\$6,200 annually *
- #19-51 Mark Fredricks-Accept Application to the Rank of Fire Auxiliary at Company 3 *
- #19-52 Approval of Lincoln School Bingo Application to be held March 29, 2019; ID#109-5-30683; BL#527 *
- #19-53 Approval of Lincoln School On-premise Merchandise Raffle Application to be held March 29, 2019; ID#109-5-30683; RL#528 *
- #19-54 Approval of Lincoln School On-premise Cash Raffle Application to be held March 29, 2019; ID#109-5-30683; RL#529 *
- #19-55 Frank Berardo-Reappointment as the Borough's Tax Collector *
- #19-56 Temporary Capital Budget Amendment for Ordinance #1556 *
- #19-57 Approval of Twin Boro Columbian Club Casino Raffle to be held February 2, 2019; RL#526; ID#109-6-7021 *

Motion to open to the public-Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

1. Bruce deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, asked about Resolution #49 and deadline for applications. President Manna explained that the Council wanted to expand the field of applicants. The deadline would be about Jan. 28th. Each council person reviews the

RFQ's and then fills out an evaluation sheet provided by the borough clerk. Dr. deLyon questioned Resolution #56-temporary capital budget amendment. President Manna replied that the temporary budget was already approved. In the interim there was a need to expand it by \$80,000. Dr. deLyon would like the hourly salary of the professionals listed on the resolution.

2. Maryanne Russini, 141 Roosevelt, also asked about the fees for the professionals.

3. John Sansone, 119 Beacon St., asked if the publication of appointments would contain the hourly fees. The Municipal Clerk responded that it never has and will not. The longer the publication, the more expensive it is.

Motion to close: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Englese, LaBruno, Rossillo, Stewart, Manna-yes

ORDINANCES

First Reading

#1555 An Ordinance Establishing an Economic Development Committee for the Borough of Dumont

Motion to waive the formal reading: Councilman Chae

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

Councilman LaBruno stated he is happy to see this ordinance introduced. There are many storefronts that are closed. Business sustainability is a big concern.

Councilwoman Stewart asked how long after adoption can we begin the appointment process and who appoints the committee. It is in effect once it is published and it's the Mayor's appointment with Council consent.

President Manna commented that if you have a vibrant business district, it brings people to the town. He hopes that this ordinance will bring together businesses and that there will be a Chamber of Commerce once again.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Englese, LaBruno, Rossillo, Stewart, Manna-yes

#1556 Bond Ordinance of the Borough of Dumont Appropriating \$80,000 to Supplement Section 3(b) of Bond Ordinance no. 1519 Finally Adopted on May 30, 2017, as Amended by Bond Ordinance no. 1550 Finally Adopted on October 16, 2018 and Authorizing the issuance of \$76,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to finance part of the Appropriation

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Chae

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

Councilman LaBruno wanted clarification of what the \$80,000 would be going toward. Administrator Richards said it would be going toward 23 W. Quackenbush. Originally, there was \$1,300,000 for the purchase of the three properties but due to negotiations and length of time involved, the house acquisition was more than anticipated. The demolition and remediation are included in the bid.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Englese, LaBruno, Rossillo, Stewart, Manna-yes

Motion to open to public for general comments: Councilman Chae

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

1. Mary Normoyle, 106 Randolph, thanked the Municipal Clerk for the OPRA information she had requested regarding Gregg Paster. She asked Borough Attorney Lafferty about his statement that the court asked Mr. Paster to finish up on the final judgement. He was still the attorney of record. Mr. Lafferty had received nothing in writing.

2. Lynne Vietri, 41 Wilkens Drive, asked about the Economic Development ordinance and how the appointment would be made. She asked why the Board of Education has two council people listed as liaisons. President Manna replied that this is an important liaison position and that was needed.

3. Karen Valido, 24 Overlook Drive, stated that the residents present at the meetings and hopefully the Council are serving the best interest of the residents. Some of the residents spend time calling the State Comptroller and Assembly people so that they know what's going on.

4. John Sansone, Beacon Street, wanted clarification on the amount in the \$1,300,000 and whether it included demolition of the properties.

5. deLyon, 67 Beacon St., noticed that the minutes have not been posted on the website since October 16th. He spoke about the postponement of the demolition. President Manna explained that 50 Washington building had to be decontaminated and it turned out there was more asbestos there than anticipated, which pushed the date back. We are in the process of predemolition meetings. The building should be coming down the end of January. Mr. Richards added that a letter will be going out to residents 200' around. Councilman LaBruno suggested a meeting of those residents so that they can ask questions. Dr. deLyon asked if there will be another meeting in January. President Manna replied not unless there is an emergency that requires a meeting. Dr. deLyon asked if 5% is required for down payment of bond ordinances-the answer was yes. He said he asked his attorney daughter about person of record and she said that if Mr. Paster was reached out to, it is his obligation to reach out to his client to see if they want to retain him. He has been asking for seven months what the impact of the bond ordinances have on the taxpayers.

6. Maryanne Russini, Roosevelt, wanted an update on Gina's Field with Green

Acres. Mr. Richards and Mr. Lafferty have been in contact with the DEP. Her contact said there should be a new lease. Mr. Lafferty explained that there are several options that should be discussed. It's premature to draft a new lease if we don't have a new location yet. Mr. Richards reiterated that he was told the area was paved by DPW and there was a sign that said Open Space. Nobody there knew it was Green Acre property. She asked about current lawsuits. President Manna replied that he can't respond-it's ongoing litigation. He will find out what insurance company is covering them. She asked if there was correspondence pertaining to the court asking Gregg Paster to finish the final judgement of compliance. Mr. Lafferty said that once he received the final judgement, he called Mr. Paster. He told him the special master submitted the report, the court accepted the report, the court called him, the attorney of record, to submit the form of order. Ms. Russini asked why there is a police officer present. President Manna said security.

7. Michael Sullivan, Andover Avenue, welcomed the new members on the Council. He would like to see a change with the new Council. There were a lot of legal expenses last year.

8. Kevin Hughes, 59 Andover Avenue, reiterated his concern about there being no crosswalks by D'Angelo's. Mr. Richards explained that this is up to the County. He has called and even told them Dumont would provide crosswalks at our expense. Mr. Hughes said that the fencing around the construction at D'Angelo's is not complete and is afraid kids will go in and get hurt. Also, his water smells like bleach. Mr. Richards will call Suez.

9. Ms. Minko, 477 Marion Avenue, New Milford explained that she lives on the border of Dumont and has been requesting for six months that a branch that's hanging over her property be cut. She was told it would be taken care of.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

Councilman LaBruno spoke of the \$19,400,000 budget for the new municipal complex and the tax impact on the taxpayers. In 2020 the tax assessment will be \$.05 per \$100 home assessed. This equates to an increase of \$51.23 for a home assessed at \$100,000. The average home in Dumont is assessed at \$307,211. The approximate increase will be \$157.38. This is only a projection at this time with the assumption of interest rates. We still plan on going back to DCA to see if we can obtain a 5% waiver of down payment. We have not received bids yet so that is also projected. If we prolong the project, it'll only be higher.

Motion to adjourn: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Susan Connelly, RMC
Municipal Clerk