

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
GOVERNING BODY MEETING MINUTES
DUMONT SENIOR CENTER
FEBRUARY 5, 2019
6:30 PM**

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

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Mayor and Council Work Session:

There was discussion concerning construction of a power plant in North Bergen. A resolution opposing the power plant will be on the next meeting agenda.

The Mayor spoke of Dumont's 125th Anniversary and various celebrations. The committee so far is comprised of Council members Chae and Stewart, himself, Tom Kelly and Janice Worner. The committee meets the last Wednesday of the month. All are welcome to participate. Councilman LaBruno said that the Community Group will help in any way that's needed.

Councilman LaBruno explained that the cost of garbage collection has increased significantly and is extremely costly. The borough has been looking at a mechanical system or having the town handle it. Councilman Manna stated that the cost of insurance, the cost of hiring additional DPW employees and maintenance costs have to be factored in but it is worthwhile exploring.

The No-Knock ordinance was discussed. There was an incident involving a solicitor. Residents are encouraged to pick up the decal and post it on their door so that solicitors know not to bother the homeowner. Chief Conner stated that the prior application for solicitors was much more stringent. According to Mr. Lafferty, fingerprinting is not permitted. The no-knock decals will start picking up as they have in other towns.

Councilman Manna spoke of a leak under the tracks on Madison. The Borough Administrator has been speaking to Suez and CSX. He met today with the police, Fletcher Creamer and Suez about a plan which CSX has agreed with.

Councilman Manna spoke about cyber-attack incidents that have affected some municipalities recently. The Municipal Clerk stays in touch with our IT company and they regularly scan our software. They actually did a scan last night. Mr. Richards had instructed the finance offices to change their passwords immediately. Councilman Chae explained that it is the financial institution's responsibility to safeguard the town's funds. He would like to check whether there are financial institutions that have stronger cyber security.

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

#19-58 T&M-Approval of Proposal for Environmental Investigation-\$24,450.00 *

#19-59 Approval of Radio System Consulting Services by Lehrer Cumming-not to exceed \$10,472 * There were comments from the Council that the person they met with will prepare the borough for the future, is very knowledgeable and highly recommended.

#19-60 Bills List *

#19-61 Colin Delibreo-Accept Application as an Active Firefighter *

#19-62 William Ross-DPW Operator-Annual Salary \$96,182.99 *

#19-63 Tony Como-Approval as Full-time Recreation Director-\$40,000 annual salary * Councilwoman Stewart recognized all the work Mr. Como has done and that making him full-time is well-deserved.

#19-64 Temporary Emergency for Capital Improvement Fund *

#19-65 Capital Budget Amendment for Bond Ordinance #1558 *

Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

1. John Sansone, 119 Beacon Street, questioned resolution #58 and if remediation is necessary, why the town would pay for it.

2. Bruce deLyon, Beacon Street, wondered why the testing wasn't done initially. He asked if Mr. Como's full-time job was advertised and the health benefit waiver policy. He has a vendor list and asked what exempt means and whether the architect is paid a percentage of the job. What has Cumming done thus far? The Mayor said to email the questions to him and he'd get back to him

3. Maryanne Russini, 141 Roosevelt Avenue, asked who recommended that the position be full-time and have you shadowed him to see if it should be full-time. Councilwoman Stewart responded that she recommended the position be made full-time. He puts in a lot of extra time. Ms. Russini asked whether the Commission was consulted. Councilwoman Stewart responded that the Rec Commission was aware and they applauded it. Councilman Manna stated that when Mr. Como started the Recreation Department was in total chaos. He worked to straighten out the finances. He is an asset to the borough. Ms. Russini asked why two commissioners' positions weren't filled?

How many lanyards were given out in 2018? Councilman LaBruno said that Mr. Como's pay is well-deserved.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna
Second: Councilman LaBruno

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Stewart
Second: Councilman LaBruno
Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Englese, LaBruno, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

ORDINANCES

Second Reading

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

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Stewart
Second: Councilman Chae
All in favor.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Chae
Second: Councilman LaBruno
All in favor.

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

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilwoman Stewart
Second: Councilman Manna
Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Englese, LaBruno, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-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 Manna
Second: Councilman LaBruno
All in favor.

Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Stewart
Second: Councilman Manna
All in favor.

1. deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, said that looking at the vendor list there was a payment Chase Bank for \$1,850,130.90. This was over a 6.5-month period. He questioned the payment to Bergen County Soil. Mr. Richards explained that this is for a permit required to remove soil.

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

Motion to adopt Bond Ordinance #1556: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Manna

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

First Reading

#1557 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 216 of the Dumont Borough Code to Enact the Uniform Fire Safety Act and Provide for Enforcement thereof

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Councilwoman Stewart commended David Gluckman, our fire official, for letting us know the current state requirements so that we could enact the ordinance accordingly.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Chae

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

#1558 Bond Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Bond Ordinance No. 1519 in the amount of \$4,920,000

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Englese

All in favor.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Chae

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

#1559 An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property by the Borough of Dumont at 23 W. Quackenbush Avenue, Dumont, New Jersey

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Manna

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

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

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

1. Mary Gilmour, Fleetwood, asked if CSX will be fixing the grade at the crossing when they are repairing the water leak. Mr. Richards explained that CSX will be coming another time to repair the grade at Columbia and New Milford Avenues. The repairs are paid for by the Department of Transportation. They said they would look at it for next year. Also, other towns have done a resolution pertaining to Suez and lead in the water. The Mayor said we are looking to have that on the next agenda.

2. deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, said that on January 26th he had sent the Council a question on Bond Ordinance #1549-\$1,858,900. What is the tax impact on an average house? Mayor Kelly said we have been working with Acacia and should have something on the website the end of the week. Dr. deLyon accused the Municipal Clerk of not

writing the minutes so that they reflect the residents' comments and that they are shaded to be pro-council and pro-professional. The reorganization meeting minutes stated that his comments were inaudible. He purchased the disc and he could hear himself. He asked the CFO's salary and is he part of Sustainable Communities. Mr. Richards will let him know his salary and he is not part of that group. Dr. deLyon asked if the budget for 2018 is still open and are purchase orders still be processed? Mr. Richards said no. Dr. deLyon said the labor attorney billed the borough close to \$100,000. The tax appeal attorneys were paid approximately \$35,000 in 2018, which seems excessive. Through OPRA he received email exchanges which show Paster was allowed to keep working on cases in addition to the Fair Share Housing settlement. He finds it incredible that it was put on the last minute.

3. John Sansone, Beacon Street, said he lives near Garden Homes and it looks nice and professional.

4. Karen Valido, 24 Overlook Drive, said that it was stated at a presentation that the construction of the new building would last only thirty or forty years. When will the professionals be hired? The Mayor said it was done at the last meeting, with the exception of the Borough Attorney and Labor Attorney.

5. Maryanne Russini, 141 Roosevelt, asked for updates with the DEP. Mr. Richards said we have had communication with them. Ms. Russini asked when the by-laws will be approved. She was told there were no changes. Why are there less meetings in June and November? The Mayor explained that there are elections, League of Municipalities and Thanksgiving. There is an election in June but if a special meeting is necessary, they would have one. Ms. Russini asked if there is a date for the demolition of 50 Washington Avenue and wanted confirmation that Garden Homes will be taking down the building. She asked if anyone came in to do a home inspection on the three properties. Councilman LaBruno said that they are waiting for the demolition company's schematics to be approved. The purchase of the properties was not a normal transaction.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter closed session to discuss:

Personnel-Police

Litigation-Delihasani

Litigation-Cavadias

Purchase, Lease, Acquisition of Real Property with Public Funds

Motion: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Manna

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

Following closed session, motion to go back into public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman La Bruno

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC
Municipal Clerk