

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.  
GOVERNING BODY MEETING MINUTES  
DUMONT SENIOR CENTER  
APRIL 2, 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 are 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, Manna, Stewart-present

Council members LaBruno and Rossillo-absent

Mayor James J. Kelly-present

Motion to Accept Agenda as presented: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

**Mayor and Council Work Session:**

Budget Process-Councilman Manna explained the areas that the Finance Committee, CFO and Administrator look at are Operations, Capital and Debt Service. Department Heads are asked to provide their needs for the year, which the Finance Committee reviews to differentiate wants as opposed to needs. Grants are also considered. Councilwoman Stewart said that the number is nowhere near to the figures on social media. They will work on the budget to see if they can get the figure lower. She applauded the volunteer fire department and hopes we can do right by them and the other volunteer organizations.

Contractor Ordinance-Ordinance #1411 was adopted in 2010. The State ordinance would put us in line with every other municipality that has the contractor's ordinance in place. He is recommending that our ordinance committee modify what we have now to what the State uses.

Liquor License Fees-Councilwoman Stewart stated that we have not raised our annual liquor license fees in a long time. The ordinance committee will be reviewing it.

Councilman Manna has been in touch with Citizens for Improving Affordable Housing. They have been working to change some of the rules that apply to COAH and the affordable housing situation. They have submitted legislation, which might help Dumont. He will circulate the information to the rest of the Council to get their thoughts on this. This will hopefully help us in 2025 when the next round begins.

The Mayor said that tonight is the introduction of the 2019 budget. CFO Sercan Zoklu stated that the budget tonight reflects an increase of \$92.00 on an average home assessed at \$307,000. Major increases are the Bergen County Utility Authority in the amount of \$113,000, the capital improvement fund in the amount of \$120,000, police salaries in the amount of \$210,000, debt service \$95,000 and contractual obligations \$60,000. The Finance Committee will meet to reduce the increase even more. The hearing on the budget is scheduled for May 7, 2019. At that time the public can ask questions.

The COLA ordinance that is being adopted tonight allows the Borough to go to an additional 1%. This 1% is banked. He said he has not heard of a municipality which does not adopt this ordinance. Councilwoman Stewart explained we passed this ordinance last year and this amount has not been touched.

### **General Order of Business**

**#19-108** Introduction of the 2019 Municipal Budget

Motion to accept this resolution: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Manna

Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Englese, Manna, 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**

**#19-109** Approval of St. John's Knights of Columbus "Shake the Can" to be held April 4, 5, 6 and 7<sup>th</sup>. \*

**#19-110** Jon G. Buchak-Hire as Electrical Sub-code Inspector-\$12,000 annually \*

**#19-112** 2018 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Authorizing Resolution for \$64,382 Matching Grant \*

**#19-113** 2019 Salary Resolution \*

**#19-114** Approval of Boy Scout Troop 1345 Car Show to be held August 3, 2019 \*

**#19-115** Michael Stevens-Authorization to Hire as Per Diem Dispatcher-\$25.00 per hr. \*

**#19-116** Jonathan Byrd-Authorization to Hire as Per Diem Dispatcher-\$25.00 per hr. \*

**#19-117** Radio Communications System-Authorization for the Municipal Clerk to Advertise for Bids \*

Councilman Chae asked that resolution #111 be moved to non-consent for further discussion.

Motion to open to the public on Consent Agenda items: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

1. deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, asked if furniture, computer wiring, demo of the two properties and remediation of the two properties is included in the bid. He and his wife don't understand why Mrs. Connelly does not have a contract. She is basically an

administrator. He finds it very strange that the second in command would not have a contract to specify sick days, etc. He asked about Resolution #117 and whether it is in the bond ordinance. Councilman Manna said the demolition of the houses is included in the bid.

2. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, asked whether the bid covers just building the borough hall and demolition of the two properties. Where would the remaining items be paid from? Who would pay for remediation, if necessary? She asked if the Open Space grant due March 30<sup>th</sup> included the playground.

3. Aleks Tandyrak said he's been in construction and contacted the Building Department because he had some concerns. He has spoken to the Administrator and the Project Manager and has some concerns about the overall design. There are going to be so many changes from the bid. He strongly opposes of the award of this bid. It should go out for rebid. It seems like a gross overdesign. Even though you plan on awarding to the low bidder, it reeks of impropriety. He feels using the borough engineer on this project is a conflict of interest.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Manna

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

### **Non-consent Agenda**

**#19-111** Award of Bid to Bennett Company, Inc for the Municipal Complex Project.- \$14,960,000 \* Councilman Chae feels he needs more time to go over the bid. He is not comfortable at this point.

Councilman Manna asked that Mr. Tandyrak send his concerns in writing so that they can review them.

Motion to table Resolution #111: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

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

Councilwoman Stewart commented that no one on the team has done anything improper or lacking propriety.

Mr. Leibman requested that Mr. Tandyrak submit his concerns to Ms. Connelly and she will disseminate them to those involved.

### **ORDINANCES**

#### *Second Reading*

**#1560** Amendment of Article V-Traffic Control Officers, Chapter 209-Fees

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

There was no discussion from the Council.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Englese

All in favor.

Motion to adopt Ordinance #1560: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Chae

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

**#1561** 2019 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14)

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Englese

All in favor.

There was no discussion from the Council.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

1. deLyon, Beacon Street, stated the ordinance states this is to protect the health, safety and welfare, which he doesn't understand. He feels this is double taxing.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Englese

All in favor.

Motion to adopt Ordinance #1561: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Englese

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

#### *First Reading*

**#1562** Ordinance to Establish a Stigma-free Committee

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

Councilwoman Stewart said they have been undertaking our stigma-free program and came to the decision that it would have more standing in the community if it was a standing committee. There are seven people interested in becoming members. There is nothing more important than the mental health of our children. By establishing this committee, hopefully people will become more aware of these issues. The Mayor commended the councilwoman for getting this committee established.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Englese

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

**#1563** Amendment of Ordinance #1555, Section 2-Establishment of the Economic Development Committee

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Englese

All in favor.

Councilman Chae explained that instead of five members, we now have seven. Seven applications were received from residents and they felt they all should be included.

Councilman Manna stated that he had asked that Council members Chae and LaBruno meet with our COAH specialist, Mr. Szabo and have him help them navigate the initial stages of this committee as well as 2025, when Fair Share Housing gets involved again.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

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

Motion to open to the public for general comments: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

1. deLyon, Beacon Street, stated that the funding of Resolution #88, 23 W. Quackenbush, would be Bond Ordinance #1559 but he doesn't see that funding component. He questioned the down payment on several bond ordinances. After submitting an OPRA, he figures there is \$2,700,000 left. He asked the plan if we fall short. He feels we are overdue for a forensic audit. He complained that when he sends questions, he doesn't usually receive answers. Mayor Kelly will check and get back to him.

2. Mary Normoyle, Randolph Avenue, asked the Mayor and Council President what their plans are after leaving the Council. She questioned the procedure in hiring the court administrator. Councilwoman Stewart explained that the vicinage posts the position, review the applications and they make the recommendation of those who should be interviewed. A team consisting of Dumont's judge, a judge from Hackensack, the woman who oversees all the court administrators, her assistant and one member from the municipality decide which applicant should be hired. Ms. Normoyle asked if the properties on W. Quackenbush are vacant. Mr. Leibman responded that 23 W. Quackenbush has a use and occupancy, which was part of a lengthy OPRA request provided to her, which stated June.

3. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, questioned the salary of the new court administrator. She would like a comparison of what other towns pay their court administrators.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Councilman Manna asked who the contact for FARM'd is. He would like to talk to whoever it is about COAH. The answer was Tom Kelly.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC  
Municipal Clerk