

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
GOVERNING BODY MEETING MINUTES
DUMONT SENIOR CENTER
MAY 7, 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 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, LaBruno, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-present
Mayor James J. Kelly-absent

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

Public Hearing on the 2019 Municipal Budget Introduced April 2, 2019

Gary Vinci, Borough Auditor gave an explanation of the slides on the power point presentation. Mr. Vinci stated that the budget has various components. The revenues and appropriations are all sorted by statute.

Motion to open to the public on the hearing: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

1. Matthew Ferraro, 46 Washington Avenue, is Chief of the Fire Department and thanked the Mayor and Council for all they did this year. However, he thought two trucks were going to be purchased this year. Councilwoman Stewart explained there are two trucks but only one can be purchased this year.

2. Bruce deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, commended the auditor on his presentation. He asked why the borough attorney and special counsel budgets increased. President Manna replied it is for current ongoing litigation. Dr. deLyon asked why Celebrations increased. President Manna said that the Mayor is spearheading the 125th Anniversary Committee but he knows they are planning on purchasing American flags and 125th anniversary banners. Dr. deLyon confirmed that ordinance #1559 for \$5,000,000 for the municipal complex is the last bond issue. He spoke of the surplus, and construction fees. He wants the Council to realize that the sewer fees will increase with the D'Angelo units.

3. Mary Normoyle, Randolph, asked what scanning solutions for \$200,000 is.

Councilwoman Stewart explained that it is a company that will scan our documents into the cloud. Foveonics is under State Contract so no bidding is necessary. President Manna stated it is a non-proprietary company. We will be saving a great deal of storage.

4. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, asked about the 2.5% and 3.5% CAP. Are the matching grants included in the budget. President Manna asked Councilwoman Stewart to provide Ms. Russini with the Millennium monthly report. Ms. Russini asked the retention period of documents. She asked about cloud space that will be used.

5. Karen Valido, Overlook Drive, also asked about the scanning. She was told \$200,000 is not an annual fee.

6. Bill Brophy, Margaret Court, confirmed that \$72 is municipal tax, library is \$6 and school is \$126 increase per average home of \$307,000. He asked about the capital budget introduction.

7. Joan Strubel, Golf View Drive, asked the number of outstanding bonds. She asked about the garbage and recycling contracts and was told they were five-year contracts ending the end of this year.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Englese

All in favor.

#19-133 2019 Budget Amendment

Motion to adopt: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Englese

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

#19-134 Self-examination of the 2019 Municipal Budget

Motion to adopt: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

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

#19-135 2019 Budget Adoption

Motion to adopt: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Englese

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

Mayor and Council Work Session:

President Manna explained that they are looking into acquisition of the house on Gordon and Washington and a portion of the gas station on Grant and Washington. There are many traffic issues, especially when Garden Homes is finished. There are two solutions-one is to change the traffic light pattern at Washington, Grant and Gordon to a traffic-sensed light. This will probably still cause traffic, especially with the buses coming through. The other option is to construct a new intersection configuration. The traffic affects side streets, as well. He would like the Council's input. Councilman LaBruno had attended the last Joint Land Use Board meeting and heard that the BP gas station will be increasing their pumps from two islands to four islands. This was approved by the Board. He said perhaps we could obtain eight to ten feet of the driveway, which would free up a lot of traffic. President Manna asked for a consensus

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

#19-136 Evan J. Quinn-Accept as an Intern in the Dumont Police Department *

#19-137 Appointment of Members to Economic Development Committee *

#19-138 Appointment of Members to the Stigma-free Committee *

#19-139 Donald Holdsworth, Esq.-Accept Letter of Retirement *

#19-140 Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission *

#19-141 DHS Music Boosters (Relay for Life) On-premise Merchandise Raffle to be held June 14, 2019; ID#109-5-36714, RL#540 *

#19-142 DHS Music Boosters (Relay for Life) On-premise Cash Raffle to be held June 14, 2019; ID#109-5-36714, RL#541 *

#19-143 Authorization to Participate with National BuyBoard Cooperative *

Councilwoman Stewart said the Stigma-free Committee members are present and they were acknowledged.

Councilman LaBruno acknowledged members of the new Economic Development Committee, some of whom were present. He said that this committee has the opportunity to do great things for the town. Councilman Chae and he will be working with the committee.

President Manna asked Mr. Leibman to explain the options and steps in filling Judge Holdsworth's seat. You need to select a replacement once he retires to complete the term, which in this case, is 2020. If not, the County will send someone to cover court for you. At the end of the term, the position should be advertised and then the Mayor can select someone with the advice and consent of the Council.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

1. Karen Valido, Overlook Drive, said she is happy Stigma-free has reached the town and that Dr. Barbato from the school is on the committee.

2. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, asked where the Judge position will be advertised. Ms. Connelly responded it would be placed in the Record and on our website.

3. Joyce Ghia, 480 Washington Avenue, is very familiar with the Gordon intersection. She listed the procedure and items that would have to be followed if purchasing the contaminated property on Gordon. She said that commuter cars park on both sides of Gordon. If there is a line of cars waiting to exit, a maximum of four cars can get through the light. Therefore, cars making a turn from Washington Avenue on to Gordon, cannot get through. In addition, since there are no curbs, cars are parking and ruining the grass.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Chae

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

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

ORDINANCES

Second Reading

#1564 Ordinance Amending Chapter 306, Sections 18 and 20 Property Maintenance of the Dumont Borough Code

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Councilman Manna explained that it's an update from a 1981 code. BOCA is replaced by International Property Maintenance Code 2018.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

1. Mary Normoyle asked what was updated. Is there anything affecting residents? President Manna said it is an upgrade of the whole Chapter 306 pertaining to property maintenance. Councilwoman Stewart stated it is making it compliant with current code. There is nothing that would surprise anyone.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Englese

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

Motion to open to the public for General Comments: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

1. deLyon, Beacon Street, verified that \$5,000 on the six-year plan has already been approved. Where do the down payments for Ordinance #1556 and #1558 come from? President Manna replied that it comes from the line debt and capital improvements. Dr. deLyon asked the cost of the capital items in 2019. He spoke of the Acacia presentation and a \$211 impact on the average house. President Manna said when we start spending it. We are planning to spend the second half of the year so that there is only one payment in 2019. There should be money coming in through surplus and from the PILOT. The plan is to keep the tax levy as low as possible.

2. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, asked about putting a green arrow for the intersection at Gordon. The property last sold in 2016 for \$845,000. Mr. Leibman surmises that it was a settlement agreement. Are we being sued by Green Acres? Do we currently have two lawsuits now? Mr. Leibman replied that we are not being sued by Green Acres and President Manna said there are two suits that we know of. Ms. Russini asked if there are penalties if the contractor does not finish Borough Hall on time. Mr. Leibman responded that there are very specific provisions if the builder does not finish in time. Ms. Russini took offense to Councilwoman Stewart mentioning to her that OPRA's cost money.

3. Mary Normoyle asked when Grant and DeLong Avenue construction will begin.

President Manna said we don't have a grant for Grant Avenue. Councilman LaBruno said that Columbia will probably be done first.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter Closed Session to discuss:

Police-Personnel

DPW-Personnel

Potential litigation-Green Acres

Motion: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

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

Following closed session, motion to go back into public: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilman Englese

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk