

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
SENIOR CENTER
MAY 21, 2019
6:30 PM**

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-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Englese

All in favor.

Mayor Kelly presented a proclamation to the Senior Cheerleading Champions. Councilwoman Rossillo recognized Colleen Rozzi, who was unable to come to the meeting, for her hard work and dedication. She also thanked the other coaches.

MAYOR'S REPORT

There are new banners throughout town with the Dumont logo and American Flag. It was initiated by the 125th Anniversary Committee and the Beautification Committee. The brackets are permanent, however, so that banners can be changed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Richards said the Mosquito Control Commission said they will inform as soon as possible as to their plans of spraying. The roof at the current borough hall has been replaced. Judge Holdsworth has retired. Judge Gallina will be filling in until a Judge is appointed. The water problem at Memorial Park has been resolved. The storm sewer problems in two areas will be addressed. Tomorrow Mr. Richards will be attending a meeting regarding the CSX line.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilman Chae

No report

- Councilman Englese

No report

- Councilman LaBruno

DPW

A couple of weeks ago they rented a Pothole Killer, which was used to fill 189 potholes. You can't even tell that there had been a pothole. We will see how they wear during the winter. We will also be using the infrared machine from the County.

New Borough Hall

The committee met for the second time with the contractor, Mr. Bennett. Several items which could save the Borough money, were discussed. In about two weeks all the debris will have been removed from Borough property. Phase I will then begin.

Economic Development Committee

The Committee will hold their first meeting June 13th at 7:30PM at Borough Hall.

- Councilman Manna

Beautification Committee

Thanks to the Committee, Girl Scouts and volunteers who helped last weekend to complete the first project at Madison and West Shore. The next meeting is scheduled for June 12th at 7PM at the Senior Center.

Police Department

In March there were 1811 telephone calls for service, 76 calls for medical reasons, 9 calls for fires, 5 calls for commitments. Patrol issued 216 traffic summonses, 1 DWI arrest, investigated 25 motor vehicle crashes, responded to 18 burglar alarms and traveled 9,661 miles. The Detective Bureau conducted 9 firearms investigations, handled 33 criminal cases, investigated 13 domestic violence incidents.

The Councilman went with the Administrator to see the work being done at First Street. Hopefully issues will be resolved soon.

- Councilwoman Rossillo

No report

- Councilwoman Stewart

The Stigma-free Committee will be meeting May 29th at the Library

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Rick Arango, borough engineer, stated that the 2019 Open Space grant application was submitted today. The handicap ramp design will be submitted to the County this week. The preliminary work for Gina's Field and Mr. Norbut would like to get it finalized. The Maintenance Bond for Johnson Avenue is due to expire June 7th so the engineer will inspect it before it runs out.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the April 16, 2019 Public Meeting and Closed Session minutes:

Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Manna

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

Motion to approve the May 7, 2019 Executive Session and Closed Session minutes:

Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

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

#19-144 Bills List *

#19-145 Approval of Person to Person and Place to Place Liquor License Transfer-Luz Lora, LLC to Valgest, LLC to be Located at 20 East Madison Avenue *

#19-147 Approval of Block Party on Highland Avenue July 27, 2019 *

#19-148 Liam Giannantonio-Approval of Hiring as DPW Seasonal Employee-\$12.00 per hour *

#19-149 Authorization for the Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills *

#19-150 Resolution to Cancel Taxes on 19 and 27 W. Quackenbush Avenue *

#19-151 Authorization to Discard DPW Vehicles *

#19-152 Authorization for the Municipal Clerk to Advertise for Resumes for Municipal Court Judge *

#19-153 Approval of Block Party on Patton Place August 3, 2019 *

#19-154 Approval of Remington Vernick's Proposal for Gina's Field-\$3,950 *

#19-155 Approval of Remington Vernick's Proposal for Columbia Avenue II-\$30,700 *

#19-156 Approval of a Block Party on Teak Road August 24, 2019 *

#19-157 Authorization for the Appointing Authority or its Designee to Enter into Separation Agreements for Borough Employees *

#19-158 Authorization for Payment to the Chief of Police, Michael J. Conner-\$16,527.27 *

#19-159 Appointment of Anthony Gallina as Interim Municipal Court Judge *

#19-160 Request for the Joint Land Use Board to Review the Zoning of the Arboretum and Change it from Light Industrial to Park *

#19-161 Approval of Reappointment of Al Taxter to the Rent Leveling Board as the Tenant Representative *

#19-162 Approval of Reappointment of Ralph Williams to the Rent Leveling Board as the Homeowner Representative *

#19-163 Renewal of 2019-2020 Liquor Licenses *

Councilman Manna requested Resolution #146 be moved to non-consent

Councilman LaBruno requested Resolution #164 be moved to non-consent.

Councilman Manna questioned the cost of sending out estimated tax bills. Mayor Kelly explained that we can't send out the tax bills until we receive the tax rate from the County and it usually comes in too late to send out the bills in August. He said we should be very specific as to what we are requesting to change when sending the request to the JLUB.

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

Second: Councilman Englese

All in favor.

1. Maryann Russini, 141 Roosevelt Avenue, asked whether the town would be reimbursed for the \$16,000 settlement on the bills list. She asked about the estimated tax bills. As to her question about Resolution #150, Mr. Leibman explained that this is a formal direction to the tax collector to cancel the taxes. Ms. Russini wanted to know who would be in charge of the arboretum is the zoning is changed on the arboretum-Recreation or Shade Tree? Councilwoman Stewart said that would be decided by the Joint Land Use Board. Ms. Russini asked about contamination testing at Gina's Field.

2. Mary Normoyle, 106 Randolph Avenue, commented on a check to Gregg Paster. She asked why we don't get a report on the Ambulance Corps from the liaison.

3. Ishyrell Carmona, 220 Glen Avenue, asked about tax assessment.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the consent agenda: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Manna

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

Non-Consent Agenda

#19-146 Approval of Block Party on Harding Avenue August 10, 2019

Motion to adopt: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

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

Councilman Manna-abstained

#19-164 Renewal of the Elks Club Conflict Liquor License-There are two members on the Council who belong to the Elks Club and have to abstain from voting.

Motion to adopt: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

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

Councilmembers Chae and LaBruno-abstained

ORDINANCES

First Reading

#1565 An Ordinance Replacing Borough Code Chapter 13 and Adopting/Updating the Fair and Open Process for Awarding Professional Service Contracts

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Councilman Manna stated that when this ordinance was first adopted in 2009, he felt it was not transparent enough and was not in favor of it. This ordinance aligns us with the State ordinance and brings the transparency down to \$100.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

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

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

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

1. Michael Sullivan, 125 Andover, remarked that the owner of the property on Gordon should pay for the remediation before we purchase the property. The Mayor said that no decision has been made yet on the property. Mr. Sullivan doesn't understand why there is no elevator in the affordable housing.

2. Mary Normoyle, 106 Randolph Avenue, wants more information on the cloud service for \$200,000. Councilman Manna explained that this will eliminate space needed for documents. Councilman LaBruno said that the company will notify us when documents can be destroyed and includes an annual maintenance fee. This company is state-certified company. We used to use a company for storage but the Borough Administrator discontinued using them because they were overcharging us. There were two other companies, one of which, Foveonics, Bergenfield is using. Ms. Connelly checked with the Bergenfield Municipal Clerk who said they are very happy with Foveonics. Ms. Normoyle asked if anyone here has a connection with the company. The response was no. Ms. Normoyle asked who "professionals" are in the ordinance introduced tonight. She was told examples of professionals are attorneys and engineers.

3. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, asked the status of lawsuits. She attended a Board of Ed meeting and asked if there could be cooperation between them and Recreation for use of fields. She said that during his presentation, she thinks the engineer commented that Gina's Field is unsafe.

4. Judy Parker, 55 Susann Drive, Closter, asked when and where the Economic Development Committee will be meeting. Councilman LaBruno stated it will be held June 13th at 7:30 at Borough Hall.

5. Ishyrell Carmona, 220 Glen Avenue, believes the jungle gym at Gina's Field is unsafe. It's too high and there is not enough mulch. She asked about ordinances. She asked how the police department handles neighbor disputes. She asked how much we were paying originally to store files. Mr. Richards replied \$44,000 a year. Councilman Manna explained that the \$200,000 includes the setup of the system, the certification from the State for us to use the system. This is a whole package. The prior company cost us over \$300,000 over the years. By storing files in the cloud, it eliminates a tremendous amount of storage space which can be opened up for department use. Architects can submit their CADs by PDF. Specs can be downloaded in seconds. Also, this is a non-proprietary system so we will always be able to access our files, whereas the previous company we could not.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart
Second: Councilman Chae

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

Personnel-Police

Municipal Court

Green Acres-Potential litigation

Motion to enter closed session: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Chae

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

Following Closed Session, Councilman Manna made a motion to return to public.

Second: Councilman LaBruno
All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman LaBruno
Second: Councilman Chae
All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC
Municipal Clerk