

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
SENIOR CENTER
JUNE 24, 2019
6:30 PM**

Councilwoman Stewart 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 special meeting of the Governing Body. Notice of this meeting was 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, LaBruno, Manna (arrived at 6:45), Rossillo, Stewart-present
Councilman Englese-absent
Mayor James J. Kelly-absent

Motion to accept the agenda as presented: Councilman Chae

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

ORDINANCE

Second Reading

#1567 Bond Ordinance for Various Capital Improvements by the Borough of Dumont, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$2,350,000, Therefore, including \$359,000 from the Borough's General Capital Fund Balance and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,902,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Chae

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

Councilman Chae asked to go over the bond ordinance items.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

1. deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, said that this ordinance will increase the gross debt of the Borough by \$1,902,000. He went over each item. He questioned that items h and i are not in the six-year capital plan. He asked how much interest and principal there would be for the life of the bond. Councilman LaBruno explained we will pay 2% for three years. This will replace debt that drops off. Councilman Manna added that the six-year capital plan changes due to issues that arise.

2. Maryanne Russini, Roosevelt, asked how many matching grants there are in the Capital Ordinance. Councilwoman Stewart replied the road improvements. Ms. Russini asked for clarification on when this would be in effect and when it would impact the tax

bill. Councilman Manna explained that we haven't gone to the market to bond yet. Councilman LaBruno stated that interest is not charged until we spend the money. Ms. Russini asked if there is extra money if needed. Councilwoman Stewart explained that it would come out of the operating budget if necessary.

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

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Manna
Second: Councilman LaBruno
Council members: Chae, LaBruno, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

Councilwoman Stewart opened the meeting to the public.

1. Bruce deLyon, Beacon Street, mentioned that residents would be receiving estimated tax bills. Councilwoman Stewart stated that the Borough is waiting for the County figures so an estimated tax bill had to be sent out. Dr. deLyon asked when the money for the municipal complex and this capital bond ordinance hit the tax bills. He feels people need to know what the tax bills are going to be.

2. Mary Normoyle, Randolph Avenue, asked when the cloud storage will start. She was told September.

3. Joan Strubel, 77 Golf View Drive, asked about the sewer system improvements listed in Bond Ordinance #1567. Councilman Manna explained that following evaluation of our sewers and experience of our DPW, we have identified areas that need to be addressed.

4. Jennifer Santiago, 69 Wilcox Street, asked if the Council considers the effect taxes have on residents. Councilman Manna explained that it is always considered. When they put a budget together, the needs of the departments are evaluated. In this capital budget, everything listed is needed. The fire truck, for example, is eighteen years old-it is continually going out for repairs. Everyone on the Council pays taxes and there is nothing there he would consider frivolous. Ms. Santiago remarked that there are a lot of houses in foreclosure. Councilman Manna responded that houses on the market move very quickly. Ms. Santiago disagreed. Mr. Leibman stated that taxes go up every year in towns in New Jersey. The only way to control taxes is development. This Council is relatively new but they are trying. Councilman LaBruno had shown Mr. Leibman today our redevelopment area and possible areas of development in order to combat this. An Economic Development Committee has been formed. We are working to lower taxes.

5. Maryanne Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, asked when Garden Homes would start paying their taxes-is it when the whole project is finished or when they get the C.O. Mr. Leibman explained that as the C.O.'s are issued, they start paying the PILOT. She asked how much money was spent on repairs on fire trucks.

6. Isheryl Carmona, 222 Glen Avenue, said there is no pre-k program. She was told to go to a Board of Education meeting and speak to them about that. The Council has no control of that. She said her estimated tax bill went up 30%. Councilman Manna asked her to look at how much of the taxes is Municipal.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Chae
All in favor.

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

Police

Green Acres-Potential Litigation

Motion: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Chae

Council members: Chae, LaBruno, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

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

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Susan Connelly, RMC
Municipal Clerk