

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
SENIOR CENTER
AUGUST 13, 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, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-present
Councilman LaBruno-absent
Mayor James J. Kelly-absent

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilwoman Stewart
Second: Councilman Chae
All in favor.

Presentation of a Bergen County Open Space Grant for Gina's Field playground equipment in the amount \$64,382 by Freeholder Vice-chairwoman Mary Amoroso.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Richards stated that the fireworks are scheduled for Sunday, September 8th.

We will be going out to bid for Columbia I and II road project.

Lime Energy will be controlling the Direct Install program. He let the schools know.

By reducing energy use, you save 80%.

Security cameras are being installed at Memorial Park due to vandalism there.

The infrared pothole machine that we tried had too many issues.

There was a department head meeting at which the Finance Department was told to be more vigilant.

Ground-breaking ceremony for the Municipal Building will be held September 6th at 4:45-5:00.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilman Chae

No report

- Councilman Englese

No report

- Councilwoman Rossillo

Board of Education

There will be a meeting this Thursday.

- Councilwoman Stewart

The Library and Shade Tree Commission worked together to provide the Coots concert. Our Joint Insurance Fund has advised that websites have to be ADA compliant.

- Councilman Manna

Police Department

In March, the Council adopted Ordinance #1515 to hire officers who have gone through the Academy or are going through the Academy. An ad was placed for applicants, a total of 54 applicants submitted resumes to the Police Department. They were reviewed. On July 30th and 31st the Police Committee and Police Department representatives conducted interviews of the thirteen qualified applicants. All were asked the same questions.

In June there were 1,927 telephone calls for service-86 for medical reasons, 8 for fires and 2 for commitments. Patrol issued 91 traffic summonses, investigated 30 motor vehicle crashes, responded to 34 burglar alarms and travelled 8,225 miles in patrol activities. The Detective Bureau conducted 4 firearms investigations, handled 24 criminal cases, and investigated 12 domestic violence incidents with 6 mandated arrests.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Don Norbut from Remington Vernick stated the NJDEP Green Acres March application for Gina's Field is under review. We are ready to go to bid for Phases I and II for Columbia Avenue Road Improvements. That's funded by 2017 and 2018 CDBG grants. The improvements go from Prospect Avenue to Washington Avenue.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the July 18, 2019 Closed Session Minutes: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Englese, 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

#19-218 Bills List *

#19-219 Award of Contract Under National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement *

#19-220 Approval of Police Department Internship – Cervantes *

#19-221 Mary Kate Matthews-Accept Resignation as Police Dispatcher *

#19-222 Authorization to Advertise for the Position of Dumont Police Dispatcher *

#19-223 Harry Stylianou-Approval of Appointment as Dumont Municipal Court Judge-\$21,747 annually *

#19-224 Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Columbia Avenue Road Project *

#19-225 Approval of Hiring Marianne Locicero and John Houghton as Per Diem Crossing Guards-\$15.00 per hour *

#19-226 Approval of Promotion of Brian Battaglia to Operator-\$87,466.41 annually *

#19-227 Approval of Promotion of Darius Wynn to Driver/Laborer-\$24,300.26 annually*

#19-228 Certification of the 2018 Audit *

#19-229 Approval of Dumont Elks #2593 Pull Tab Raffle Application 7/29/19 through 7/28/20; ID#109-6-33628; RL#543 *

#19-230 Appointment of 2019 Municipal Housing Liaison – William Paige *

#19-231 Approval of Fireworks Display in Celebration of Dumont’s 125th Anniversary *
Councilman Chae requested that #229 be moved to non-consent.
Motion to open to the public on consent agenda items: Councilwoman Stewart
Second: Councilman Englese
All in favor.

1. Maryann Russini, 141 Roosevelt Avenue, asked where the \$12,000 for fireworks is coming from. The response was the 125th anniversary money. She asked if #230 is a new position. The response was that it’s the first year we are filling the position. She asked how many applications were received for municipal judge. The response was about ten of which four were interviewed.

2. Mary Normoyle, Randolph Avenue, asked about CME bills. The response was that they are planners who make sure Dumont is in continued compliance with fair share housing. Ms. Normoyle asked about Shoemaker vehicle repair, which was for the code enforcement official.

3. deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, asked about a bill for Mayor and Council helmets. Mr. Richards said it is payment for helmets for those on the Council and employees to go on the construction site. Dr. deLyon complained about the cost of business cards the borough orders. He remarked about #228 and asked the Governing Body really look at the audit since in the past Dumont has had many repeat comments.

4. Harry Stylianou, Derby Lane, thanked the Council for their support.
Motion to close: Councilwoman Stewart
Second: Councilman Englese
All in favor.

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

Non-consent Agenda

#19-229 Approval of Dumont Elks #2593 Pull Tab Raffle Application 7/29/19 through 7/28/20; ID#109-6-33628; RL#543
Motion to adopt: Councilman Englese
Second: Councilwoman Stewart
Roll call vote: Council members Englese, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-yes
Councilman Chae-abstained

ORDINANCE

Second Reading

#1568 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Englese

All in favor.

Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

1. Mary Normoyle, Randolph Avenue, asked about changes in this ordinance.

President Manna explained that there are points accrued through CRS, which can reduce the cost of flood insurance for residents. Mr. Leibman added that this pertains to new construction with substantial remodeling and that it should be elevated. Ms. Normoyle asked if D'Angelo's is in the flood plain. President Manna responded that it wasn't as far as he knew.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Englese

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

Councilwoman Stewart requested that Harry Stylianou be introduced as our new Municipal Court Judge.

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

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

1. Virginia Radigan, 11 Richard Drive, had come to the last meeting complaining about a shade tree lifting up her sidewalk. She hasn't heard anything yet. Mr. Richards will follow up.

2. deLyon, Beacon Street, asked the cost of the Gina's Field project. Councilwoman Stewart said the latest number was \$400,000. Dr. deLyon had heard a rumor that the ground-breaking was supposed to take place in June but someone couldn't attend so it was postponed. President Manna explained that we didn't have representatives from the Legislature or the County there so we felt we should not proceed.

3. Lynne Vietri, 41 Wilkens, the pool at D'Angelo's has no fence around it. Mr. Richards will follow up on it.

4. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, asked if anyone has heard about a new development by New Milford. Councilman Chae is on the Land Use Board and has not heard about it. Ms. Russini asked the status of the Grant and Washington intersection. President Manna is waiting for the LSRP report. Ms. Russini confirmed that the \$400,000 for Gina's Field is for the field. The Open Space grant is matching. She feels if there is a town tree lifting the sidewalk the town should pay for it.

5. John Sansone, 119 Beacon, said that he is unhappy that the Shade Tree

Commission has denied cutting a tree in front of his house. His sidewalk has lifted three times and he's fixed it. He asked about potholes in front of his house being fixed.

6. Maryann Russini announced that Social Services is collecting school supplies for those in need.

7. Dan Monte, 107 Second Avenue, asked why we're proceeding on Gina's Field if we don't know the design yet. Councilwoman Stewart replied that it is still under discussion. He asked the attorney who is responsible for the damages that a tree causes. Mr. Leibman said that it is not clear cut. Replacing sidewalks gets expensive and the taxpayers would bear the cost.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

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

Potential Litigation – Asplint

Personnel - Police

Personnel - DPW

Litigation - Snell

Motion: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Chae

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

Councilwoman Stewart extended the invitation for the ground-breaking ceremony and refreshments to everyone. It will be September 6th at 4:45PM.

Following closed session: Motion to go back into public: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk