

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
GOVERNING BODY MEETING MINUTES
DUMONT SENIOR CENTER
OCTOBER 1, 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 (via phone), Manna, Rossillo

Councilwoman Stewart-absent

Mayor James J. Kelly-absent

Motion to Accept Agenda as presented: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Mayor and Council Work Session:

PILOT-President Manna explained that as we are nearing the issuance of certificates of occupancy for Garden Homes, it is important to review the PILOT agreement and implementation of it. Borough Attorney Leibman said that he has met with the Borough's tax assessor, tax collector and auditor to go over the PILOT program and implementation of it. There are questions about the initial payments. He feels we need an expert on PILOTS. There is some language in the PILOT that is vague so we want to make sure it is done right the first time to avoid any possibility of litigation. He advised that someone with expertise be hired. He suggested Ken Porro from Chasan Leyner, who he has been dealing with a very involved case. Otherwise, we could open up for general consideration; however, he doesn't want the borough to lose a lot of time on this and doesn't think it will take a lot of attorney time to answer the questions Mr. Anzevino, the Borough Tax Assessor, has.

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

#19-252 4 Clean Up-Award of Bid for CDBG Columbia Road Program-\$192,744.33 *

#19-253 Richard Boland-rescind Resolution #171 and Replace with Resolution #253 *

#19-254 Andrew Gluckman-Hire as Police Dispatcher-\$35,000 salary *

#19-255 Dalas Musse-Hire as Seasonal Employee-\$12.00 per hour *

#19-256 T&M Associates-Approval of Proposal for Gordon Avenue-not to exceed \$9,000 *

#19-257 Michael Davis-Approval of Application as Firefighter *

#19-258 Approval of Block Party on Colonial Parkway on October 5, 2019 *

#19-259 Jeff Pizzuto-Promote to DPW Operator-\$87,466.41 *

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

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

1. deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, questioned moving forward on Resolution #256 at this time. He suggested it be tabled for a few years. He is concerned about bonding. President Manna explained that this is part of the process when you are dealing with the County, which takes a great deal of time-probably a few years. This way we can go step by step and slowly review the information from the professionals. Mr. Leibman interjected that the County might pick up a large amount of the project.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilman Chae

Second: Councilman Englese

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

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

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

1. deLyon, Beacon Street, expressed concern about the fencing around the pool at Washington Promenade. Councilman LaBruno has been in contact with the Boswell Engineering, the engineers for the Joint Land Use Board and with the Construction Official and Code Enforcement who confirmed that the fence is approved according to state regulations at this time during construction. Dr. deLyon asked if the removal of the communication tower was part of the original bid. President Manna stated that addressing the tower was part of the bid. However, removing the tower was not. Time and cost to have the tower foundation secured would have been costly. The contractor and construction manager recommended that it was safer and less time-consuming to have it removed. Dr. deLyon asked is there would be a change order. Councilman LaBruno stated that we are gaining eight weeks on the project, which is invaluable. deLyon feels the groundbreaking has been postponed in the past and should be postponed again. Food had been ordered from an out-of-town vendor. It should be from Dumont. Councilman LaBruno explained that the Dumont Elks will be providing hot dogs and

water for the event at no cost to the Borough. Mr. Richards added that he asked restaurants in town but they did not have the equipment to bring to the site. The Elks could not volunteer the previous date of the groundbreaking because they had committed to Dumont Day, which was the following day.

2. Karen Valido, 24 Overlook Drive, disagrees with the PILOT program. She fought it when it was first brought up years ago. A handicap swing was installed. She asked the process. Mr. Richards said that the parent of a handicapped child called and requested it. It was paid for through the budget.

3. Tom Kelly, 70 Beacon Street, said the PILOT program probably seemed like a safe bet due to tax appeals but it denies the school system money without knowing how many students might come from the development. There was discussion about the antenna at borough hall. He asked if the project is behind schedule. Councilman LaBruno responded that gaining eight weeks by taking down the tower, there will be no delay, weather pending.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Chae

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

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

Potential Litigation-Asplint

Motion: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Chae

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

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

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk