

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
SENIOR CENTER
JANUARY 7, 2020
6:30PM**

Mayor LaBruno called the meeting to order, Flag Salute

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 public Reorganization meeting in a notice sent to *The Record* and *The Ridgewood News*, filed with the Borough of Dumont, and posted on the Dumont website and the official bulletin board.

Roll Call: Council members Chae, Englese, Gorman, Stewart-present
Councilwoman Rossillo-absent
Mayor Andrew LaBruno-present

Mayor LaBruno asked for a motion to pull Resolution #58 from the Consent Agenda and vote on it-Appointment of Carl Manna to fill Andrew LaBruno's Council Seat:

Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Chae

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

Motion to adopt Resolution #58: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Chae

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

Mr. Leibman administered the oath of office to Carl Manna as Councilman of the Borough of Dumont.

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

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

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

#20-01 Appointment of Carole Stewart as Council President for 2020 * Councilwoman Stewart requested this be moved to non-consent

#20-02 Approval of Mayor and Council 2020 Meeting Dates *

- #20-03 Approval of Block Party, Street Closing and Live Entertainment Applications *
- #20-04 Frank Berardo-Reappointment as the Borough's Qualified Purchasing Agent-\$5,000 *
- #20-05 Reappointment of Sustainable Communities Associates-\$3,500 per month *
- #20-06 Establishment of Delinquent Tax Rate/Penalties *
- #20-07 Authorization of Investment of Idle Funds *
- #20-08 Designation of Official Depositories *
- #20-09 Adoption of 2020 Temporary Municipal Budget *
- #20-10 Approval of Payroll Account *
- #20-11 Appointment of Jeanine Siek as Deputy Municipal Clerk-\$50,846.43 *
- #20-12 Fire Department Interborough Mutual Aid *
- #20-13 Fire Department Mutual Aid with Oradell, New Milford and River Edge *
- #20-14 Appointment of Susan Connelly as Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner and Cathy Romeo and Jodie Delehanty as Alternate JIF Commissioners for 2020 *
- #20-15 Appointment of Susan Connelly as Affirmative Action, Public Agency Compliance Officer for the year 2020 *
- #20-16 Designation of the Borough's Official Newspapers *
- #20-17 Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Delong I and II Road Improvements *
- #20-18 Approval of Bergen County Law Enforcement Mutual Aid *
- #20-19 Approval of Volunteer Tuition Credit Program *
- #20-20 Reappointment of Larry Bongard as Recycling Coordinator-\$4,078 annually *
- #20-21 Reappointment of Carolyn Blakeman as Clean Communities Coordinator-\$3,000 annually *
- #20-22 Approval of Membership in the NJ League of Municipalities *
- #20-23 Approval of Shared Services with Tenafly for Municipal Court *
- #20-24 Approval of Petty Cash Account *
- #20-25 Approval of Increase in Municipal Court Cash Account *
- #20-26 Participation in New Jersey State Cash Management Fund *
- #20-27 Approval of Membership in the Bergen County League of Municipalities *
- #20-28 Approval of Dumont High School Athletic Boosters On-premise Merchandise Raffle to be held 2/8/20; ID#109-5-24823; RL#554 *
- #20-29 Approval of Dumont High School Athletic Boosters On-premise Cash Raffle to be held 2/8/20, ID#109-5-24823; RL#555 *
- #20-30 Appointment of Kaufman Semeraro & Leibman as Borough Attorney for 2020 *
- #20-31 Appointment of Chasan, Lamparello, Mallon & Cappuzzo as Borough Labor Attorney for 2020 *
- #20-32 Appointment of CME Associates as the Borough's Affordable Housing Administrator for 2020 *
- #20-33 Appointment of McNerney & Associates, Inc. as the Borough's Appraiser for 2020 *
- #20-34 Appointment of RSC Architects as the Borough's Architects for 2020 *
- #20-35 Appointment of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins as the Borough's Auditors for 2020 *
- #20-36 Appointment of Waters, McPherson, McNeil as the Borough's Bond Counsel for 2020 *
- #20-37 Appointment of Burgis Associates as the Borough's COAH Planner for 2020 *
- #20-38 Adoption of the Borough's 2020 By-Laws *

- #20-39** Appointment of Remington & Vernick as the Borough's Engineers for 2020 *
- #20-40** Appointment of Acacia Financial Group as the Borough's Financial Advisors for 2020 *
- #20-41** Appointment of Millennium Strategies, LLC as the Borough's Grant Writers for 2020 *
- #20-42** Appointment of Dart Computer Services as the Borough's IT Firm for 2020 *
- #20-43** Appointment of Burgis Associates, Inc. as the Borough's Planner for 2020 *
- #20-44** Appointment of Breslin & Breslin as the Borough's Prosecutor for 2020 *
- #20-45** Appointment of Louis G. DeAngelis, LLC as the Borough's Public Defender for 2020 *
- #20-46** Appointment of Brown & Brown Metro as the Borough's Risk Manager for 2020 *
- #20-47** Appointment of Boggia & Boggia, LLC as the Borough's Tax Appeal Attorney for 2020 *
- #20-48** Appointment of Borough's Special Counsel for 2020: Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC; Myerson, Fox, Mancinelli & Conte; Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy; MARC Attorneys at Law *
- #20-49** Appointment of Borough's Special Projects Engineers for 2020: T&M Associates; Neglia Engineering Associates; Costa Engineering Corporation; Maser Consulting P.A. *
- #20-50** Reappointment of Dorothy Consentino to the Library Board of Trustees *
- #20-51** Appointment of Eileen Quaglino to the Library Board of Trustees to fill Ms. Goetschius' Vacancy *
- #20-52** Appointment of James Armstrong to the Board of Health to fill Ms. Tobias' Vacancy *
- #20-53** Appointment of John Monteverde to the Board of Health to fill a Vacant Seat *
- #20-54** Reappointment of Karen DeMarco to the Stigma-Free Committee *
- #20-55** Reappointment of William Paige to the Stigma-Free Committee *
- #20-56** Reappointment of Mike Cervantes to the Economic Development Committee *
- #20-57** Appointment of Michael De La Force to the Beautification Committee to fill Ms. Russini's Vacancy *

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

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

1. Maryanne Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, stated that she was a member of the Beautification Committee until December 31st. She looked for the application but it was no longer there. Mayor LaBruno said that it was open from November but he had to get the agenda set.

2. John Sansone, 119 Beacon Street, questioned the status of the CFO position.

3. Tom Kelly, Beacon Street, asked if there is a set number of volunteers for Resolution #57. He would like to see the Ordinance changed to accommodate more volunteers.

4. Bruce deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, spoke of the money paid for Sustainable Communities and a part-time CFO, which would be a total of \$62,000. He asked for confirmation that the Temporary Budget is for three months. Are there different

professionals this year than last? Mayor LaBruno replied that they were the same. Dr. deLyon asked how the positions for Resolutions #50-57 were advertised. The Mayor responded it was posted on the website, on Facebook and he's pretty sure there was an email blast. Dr. deLyon suggested the Beautification Committee be expanded to include more people.

5. Mary Normoyle, 106 Randolph Avenue, asked the Mayor if the Borough Attorney or any of his colleagues belong to any other LLC's or connected to builders or developers. Mr. Leibman replied that some of his partners are involved in other businesses. He said it is well-known that one of his partners is involved in the development business but as far as he knows, not in Dumont.

Motion to close: Councilwoman Stewart
Second: Councilman Englese
All in favor.

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

Non-consent Agenda

#20-01 Appointment of Carole Stewart as Council President for 2020

Motion to adopt: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Manna

Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Englese, Gorman, Manna

Councilwoman Stewart abstained

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

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

1. Bruce deLyon, Beacon Street, asked if the radio bid was rebid. The Mayor said that there was only one bidder.

2. Tom Kelly, Beacon Street, asked about the closed session the last meeting and if it is something that is allowed. Mr. Leibman said there will be no discussion at a public meeting as to items in closed session. They are in closed session for a reason. Mr. Kelly spoke of the rent control ordinance. He asked if there were certain developers consulted who said they weren't interested. Was there any cost for the map from the planner? Can residents come to the meeting? The Mayor said that the dates of the meeting are on the calendar. Mr. Kelly said that this issue first came up because there was a property owner challenging the rent leveling ordinance and that they had found a loophole. He is wondering how discussion of that turned into developers not interested in Dumont as a place to develop. Wouldn't this loophole affect other property owners?

3. Maryanne Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, asked if we have started collecting money from the PILOT. Mr. Leibman replied that they are having a meeting tomorrow on that. Ms. Russini asked if there is a max a town can use for petty cash. Mayor LaBruno said that she should email the question to Ms. Connelly or himself.

4. John Sansone, Beacon Street, wanted to follow up on the PILOT. Do they pay

taxes, also? Mr. Leibman replied that it's his understanding that they have to continue to pay the taxes due on the land value prior to when the PILOT goes into effect. Mr. Sansone spoke of the Beautification Committee planting trees.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC
Municipal Clerk