

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
SENIOR CENTER
JANUARY 21, 2020
6:30 PM**

Mayor LaBruno 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, Gorman, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-present
Mayor LaBruno-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilman Chae

No report

- Councilman Englese

Police Department

In December there were 1874 telephone calls for service-93 for medical reasons, 5 for fires, and 7 for commitments. Patrol issued 159 traffic summonses-8 parking, 79 moving and 72 all-night parking; investigated 25 motor vehicle crashes, responded to 20 burglar alarms and traveled 9,103 miles. The Detective Bureau conducted 12 firearms investigations, handled 37 criminal cases and investigated 10 domestic violence incidents with one mandated arrest. There was a total of 126 training hours.

- Councilman Gorman

Recreation Commission

The Councilman attended the Recreation meeting on January 16, 2020. The Mayor and Borough Attorney attended the meeting, offering advice on how to improve the by-laws and make the meetings flow a little better. Congratulations to Kyle Lezette and Brian Joyce on being sworn in as members of the Commission.

- Councilman Manna

No report

- Councilwoman Rossillo

No report

- Councilwoman Stewart

No report

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Don Norbut announced that Dumont received a \$220,000 DOT grant for Grant Avenue Improvements. This is only partial funding. The design for Delong Avenue has been completed. Hopefully, the project can go out to bid and be awarded at the February 18th meeting. There has been a follow-up meeting for Gina's Field with Councilwoman Stewart, Recreation Director Como and Commissioner Prulello to look at the preliminary design and cost estimate. Councilman Manna was concerned about the possibility of Garden Homes putting the PSE&G hookup on Delong. Mr. Norbert replied that even if they use Delong, it won't impact the project at all. Mayor LaBruno requested that a meeting be set up with the owner of TriValley.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the January 7, 2020 Sine Die Meeting minutes: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Manna

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

Councilwoman Rossillo abstained

Motion to approve the January 7, 2020 Reorganization Meeting minutes: Councilman

Englese

Second: Councilman Chae

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

Councilwoman Rossillo abstained.

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

#20-59 Revision of Resolution #19-241-Terrizzi *

#20-60 Accept the Resignation of Sercan Zoklu, Part-time CFO *

#20-61 Approval of Hiring Issa Abbasi as Part-time CFO-\$20,000 annually *

#20-62 Authorization for the Dumont Police Department to Participate in the 1033 Program *

#20-63 Approval of Council Committees *

#20-64 Mariam Sargsyan-Approval as Police Department Intern *

#20-66 Bills List *

#20-67 Appointment of Paleowest as Historic Architects for 2020 *

#20-68 David Gluckman-Reappointment as Fire Official-\$6,355 annually *

#20-69 Remington & Vernick Engineers Supplemental Proposal for Delong Avenue, Phases I and II-\$7,750.00 *

#20-70 RER-Authorization of Execution of Vegetative Waste Disposal Contract *
#20-71 Peter Christopher Tully-Authorization of Execution of Contract as Dumont Borough Administrator -\$92,500 *

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

Second: Councilman Englese

All in favor.

1. John Sansone, Beacon Street, asked about Resolution #69. Mr. Norbert explained that the original proposal for Delong covered Pearl to Knickerbocker but since the project now encompasses Delong from Washington Avenue to Knickerbocker Road, the supplemental proposal covers the design and overseeing the construction for the entire project.

2. Lynne Vietri, Wilkens Drive, asked why a full-time CFO wasn't hired. The Mayor explained that according to the Personnel Committee and the candidates interviewed, it was decided that this could be done as a part-time position.

3. Mary Normoyle, Randolph Avenue, asked if there are any other benefits for the new administrator other than his salary of \$92,500. The Mayor responded that Mr. Tully will get mileage for conducting borough business, health benefits, dental, courses and cell phone. Councilwoman Stewart explained that according to our ordinance, Mr. Tully would pay for his course and be reimbursed. He also would have to stay for a year or pay it back. The CFO does not have a contract.

4. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, asked how many hours the CFO will be working. Councilwoman Stewart stated that he will be working ten hours a week. Ms. Russini questioned Mr. Tully's certification as administrator and how will he be reimbursed for gas. Are there any other jobs he would be paid for? Mayor LaBruno replied that he is not required to be certified but he will be going for certification. The Mayor said that he will be reimbursed according to the amount determined by the IRS. Councilman Manna stated that any other responsibilities would be part of the job.

Motion to close: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Councilman Chae requested that Resolution #65 be put on non-consent.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Englese

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

Non-Consent Agenda

#20-65 Appointment of Jimmy Chae as Class III Member of the Joint Land Use Board *

Motion to adopt: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

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

Councilman Chae-abstained

ORDINANCE

First Reading

Bond Ordinance #1571-DOT Grants for Delong Avenue in the amount of \$399,000

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Councilman Manna explained that this ordinance is the grant money for the Delong project. The Borough will be reimbursed by DOT.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Chae

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

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

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

1. John Sansone, Beacon Street, asked if Mr. Tully will be giving up his job with the County. Mayor LaBruno stated that Mr. Tully had tendered his resignation this morning. Mr. Sansone asked the status of the radio tower. The Mayor said we only received one bid and it was from Goosetown. Councilman Manna stated that the bidder didn't supply the information needed. They just wanted to provide some items in the bid.

2. Michael Sullivan, Andover, asked if we are still going after the property on Grant and Washington. The Mayor said that it is still being investigated by T&M Engineers.

3. Mary Normoyle, Randolph Avenue, asked the status of the Snell lawsuit. Mr. Leibman responded that we are still waiting for Mr. Snell to sign the release. She asked if the Building Department lawsuit has been settled. The response was that it has not. Ms. Normoyle asked what changes were made to the by-laws. The Mayor responded that there were no changes. Ms. Normoyle asked what Sustainable Communities is. Mayor LaBruno replied that they assist us in the Finance Department. That is one reason we do not need a full-time CFO. Ms. Normoyle asked if applications are posted on the website. The answer was yes. She asked how many people were interviewed for the administrator position. Councilwoman Stewart replied that the five best resumes were called in for interviews.

4. Lynne Vietri, Wilkens Drive, questioned the by-laws' "aggregate". She asked to change the meeting start time from 6:30PM to 7:00PM. She asked if there is a meeting set up with the Board of Ed. Councilwoman Rossillo replied that there is a date set. Ms. Vietri asked if the PILOT money has been collected yet. Mr. Leibman said he had a meeting with Mr. Porro, the developer and the developer's attorney. The developer had received fifteen C.O's. It is expected that the PILOT income is going to exceed what was anticipated because the rents they are collecting are substantially higher than they expected at the time the PILOT was approved.

5. Maryanne Russini, Roosevelt, confirmed that there will be comment periods after the consent and general comments. She would like everything advertised in the newspaper put on the website. She asked if there is a max for petty cash? The Municipal Clerk responded that there is not a general set amount. If a municipality wants to increase their amount, it has to be approved by the State. She asked if Recreation would be able to get petty cash for the referees? Councilman Manna pointed out that by doing that they would be bypassing the process. That's what usually causes problems with the auditors.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Englese
Second: Councilman Manna
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, Gorman, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

Following closed session, motion to open to the public: Councilman Chae
Second: Councilman Manna
All in favor.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC
Municipal Clerk