

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 15, 2020  
6:30 PM**

Administrator Tully announced that he is hosting this electronic meeting of the Governing Body from Borough Hall, 80 W. Madison Avenue, Dumont.

Mayor LaBruno called the meeting to order.

Flag Salute

Moment of Silence for all those affected by COVID-19 and for those distressed in our community.

**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 time, date and location of this public meeting of the Governing Body by means of communication equipment, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b) on the Borough website, Borough Hall and Facebook.

**Roll Call:**

Council members Chae, Englese, Gorman, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-present  
Mayor Andrew LaBruno-present

Motion to accept the agenda as presented: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the December 1, 2020 Public meeting: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

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

**#20-229** Nicola Attanasio-Hire as Part-time Fire Inspector \*

**#20-230** Authorization to Enter a Verizon Wireless NASPO-NJ Contract \*

**#20-231** Authorization of Shared Service Agreement with the County Dept. of Health-\$83,491.79 \* The Mayor said that they are looking to do a shared service with other towns in the future.

**#20-232** Hillsdale Child Health Conference-\$35.00 per child \*

**#20-233** Cumming-Oversight during Final Stages of Construction-\$7,000 per month \*

**#20-234** Mark Frederick-Approve Application as a Firefighter \*

**#20-235** 2020 Budget Account Transfer \*

**#20-236** Ratification of Police Department Promotions \* The Mayor said that following interviews a few weeks ago Acting Chief McKeary was the candidate suggested by the Police Committee to be promoted to Chief, along with the promotions of Captain, Lieutenant and two Sergeants. We lost officers due to retirements.

**#20-237** Bills List \*

**#20-238** Revisions to 2020 Salary Resolution #220 \*

**#20-239** Brian Battaglia-Promotion to DPW Foreman \*

**#20-240** Robert Ferreri-Promotion to DPW Operator \*

**#20-241** Approval of 2021 Fire Department Chiefs \*

**#20-242** Andrew Gluckman-Accept Resignation as Dispatcher \*

Mayor LaBruno announced that this is Councilman Manna's last council meeting. He thanked him for being a mentor and for serving our community for over fifteen years.

Motion to open to the public for comments-Consent Agenda only: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

1. John Sansone, Beacon Street, noticed a typo on resolution #233. Is the hourly \$165 or \$175. How will we keep track of the ten hours a week? He congratulated the police officers who are being promoted. He questioned Bennett's bills on the bills list. Two of the change orders were for COVID-19-will we be reimbursed? He thinks that \$50,000 in the capital account is a good start.

2. Bruce deLyon, Beacon Street, questioned the two overnight Federal Express bills. Have we been paid State or Federal money for COVID-19? There is also a bill from our labor attorney for COVID-related matters. He had questions about the budget transfer resolution. He questioned "other expenditures" and "special legal".

3. Mary Normoyle, Randolph, asked why the Superintendent of Roads and Road Foreman are not on the salary resolution. She needs an explanation of the difference between the Roads Department and Buildings & Grounds. Are they part of the DPW?

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

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

Motion to open to the public for general comment: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

1. John Sansone, Beacon Street, thought the Winter Festival was very well done. The Shade Tree celebration was great. He congratulated Councilman Manna.

2. Bruce deLyon, Beacon Street, asked when he would receive answers to his question on the budget transfer. Too much money is being spent.

3. Carmine DeMarco, New York Avenue, complimented the DPW on the great job

they did with leaf collection, especially getting it done prior to the snowstorm. He expressed his appreciation to Councilman Manna for his service to our community.

4. Mary Normoyle, Randolph, asked what positions are entitled to longevity. She spoke of a salary resolution in 2017 and a salary ordinance which covered 2019-2021. Tonight there's a revised salary resolution. She said that the DPW clerk is getting a 49% increase. She said there's another major jump for the Senior Citizen Director. Is this possible? Have COVID expenses been reimbursed? Members of the Ambulance Corps are silent heroes.

5. Kevin Grom, 20 Hickory, was very appreciative of the Winter Festival.

6. Nicola Attanasio, New Milford Avenue, said the Winter Festival was enjoyable. He thanked Councilman Manna for his service to the town.

7. Jennifer Grom, 20 Hickory, expressed concerns about the Board of Ed meetings being held in person. They were taking inaccurate temperatures at the door with antiquated thermometers. They don't want to go virtual. Parents feel excluded. She feels the Board of Ed is not doing their best to promote their meetings. This week, the location of the meeting was changed the day of the meeting. The BOE is lacking in their ability to provide information. Due to the screen share issue, the BOE is spending \$25,000 to hire a company to provide science education for 21 days to their 200 students. The Winter Festival was a tremendous effort and a bright spot. She thanked the Mayor and Council, the DPW and Recreation.

8. Jim Savage, Howard Street, thanked Councilman Manna and wished him luck. Winterfest was great. He appreciates the conservative approach to opening parks and sports, etc. that were taken.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

The Mayor thanked DPW Superintendent Schiraldi for coming up with the idea of a drive-through Winter Festival. He thanked the DPW, Police Department, Tony Como, Fire Department, Administrator Tully and all the Council and employees involved. He thanked Card My Yard in Paramus for donating a beautiful sign wishing Dumont "Happy Holidays" and to the Knights of Columbus for providing the manger. There was also a Christmas tree lighting and Hannukah lighting. Thanks to Father Joe from Teaneck and Rabbi Metuchen who came to give the benediction and blessings. He wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Administrator Tully thanked all involved in making the Winter Festival and the toy drive a big success. Also, thank you to everyone involved with the CARES submission, especially Mr. Abbasi, Ms. Apicella and Ms. Delehanty. He thanked Councilman Manna for all his help.

Councilman Manna said it was a privilege and an honor to have served on the Council.

The Council members all thanked Councilman Manna for his mentoring and service.

CFO Abbasi stated that the Borough is in receipt of \$169,934 from the CARES Act. He explained the items on the budget transfer resolution. The revisions had to be made on the Salary resolution to adjust salaries which were not reflected in the previous salary resolution. Other than those positions covered under a collective bargaining contract, no

other employee receives longevity payments and all the positions on the salary resolution are those not covered under a collective bargaining contract. The claim that an employee received a high percentage raise is incorrect. That employee received a 2% increase.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk