

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
SINE DIE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2021
SINE DIE: DECEMBER 15, 2020
6:00 PM**

Administrator Tully announced that the meeting is being held by electronic means. He is hosting it at Borough Hall.

Flag Salute led by Councilman Manna.

Moment of Silence for members of Congress, Senate, staff, employees, and first responders holding the line against this act of tyranny in Washington D.C.

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, The Record, Ridgewood News 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 Englese

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Motion to turn the clock back to December 15, 2020: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the December 15, 2020 Public meeting minutes: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Chae

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

#20-243 Bills List *

#20-244 Transfer of Budget Appropriations *

Motion to open to the public for comments on the Consent Agenda only: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

1. Bruce deLyon, Beacon Street, spoke of the amount of money spent on legal fees.
2. Lynne Vietri, Wilkens Drive, asked if the transfer in December was separate from the one tonight. She questioned the deposits and credits on the Bills List.
3. Mary Normoyle, Randolph Avenue, asked why Cliffhanger Productions was on the Bills List since it was for Dumont Day and we didn't have it due to COVID this year.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilman Englese

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 Englese

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

1. John Sansone, Beacon Street, asked about an amount on resolution #233 for Cumming. He wants to know how much has been spent on the new building.
2. Bruce deLyon, Beacon Street, stated that money left over in bonds should be returned to the residents, not transferred.
3. Margaret Slavic, 89 Park Street, is concerned that the Wells Fargo building will be another D'Angelo's.
4. Mary Normoyle, Randolph Avenue, asked why things are removed. There should be a trail. A resolution pertaining to Affordable Housing that was on an agenda disappeared. She asked the PILOT and Building Department lawsuit status.
5. Lynn Vietri, Wilkens Drive, asked if the Mayor spoke to the Chief about protection for council members.
6. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, asked the cost of the new building.
7. Jim Savage, 65 Howard Street, asked if the meetings could start at 7pm. The new building looks good. It will help with beautification of downtown.
8. Jennifer Grom, Hickory Street, said she watched the swearing-in ceremony. The quality of the streaming was good. Borough Hall looks beautiful.
9. Lili Binney, State College, Pa., said that many residents ask for later start time for meetings. The broadcast of the ceremony was good. Why can't the meetings be broadcast like that?
10. Karen Valido, Overlook Drive, would like the meetings broadcast.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Mr. Abbasi explained the budget transfer process. The legal budget was originally budgeted for \$100,000. So far \$108,000 was spent. The special legal budget was budgeted for \$175,000 but \$207,000. That's about \$30,000 of which we've had a

reimbursement from Bergen County Cares of \$25,000. To put this in context, there's over \$40,000 in a budget line in an almost \$24,500,000 budget. There is no transfer from one Bond Ordinance to another. He said that it is legal for bond counsel to, for instance, name certain streets to be paved and then add "any other streets where necessary". The benefit is that you would not have to expend funds again for professionals. Taxpayers are then not rebilled.

Councilwoman Stewart, Councilman Chae and Administrator Tully thanked Councilman Manna for his mentoring and service on the Council.

Mr. Tully stated that the Cares reimbursement so far is \$264,545. The Tax Collector sent out an interim PILOT invoice dated December 16, 2020 pending the receipt of a verifying audit. Mr. Leibman was very helpful in getting it out before the end of the year.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

The Sine Die meeting ended at 6:45pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk

Date: January 6, 2021 (sine die December 15, 2020)