

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 20, 2015  
6:30 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:35PM

**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 is 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: Correa, Hayes, Manna, Morrell, Riquelme, Zamechansky-present  
Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the January 6, 2015 Sine Die meeting minutes: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Hayes, Manna, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes  
Councilman Morrell-abstain

Motion to approve the January 6, 2015 Public meeting minutes: Councilwoman  
Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Manna

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Hayes, Manna, Morrell, Riquelme,  
Zamechansky-yes

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Councilwoman Correa

*Recreation*

The Councilwoman attended the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Perkins was also in attendance and impressed the importance of submitting their use permits as soon as possible. He also discussed the harassment and professional training video that every coach and commissioner will have to view and sign off on. Mr. Wicker handed over the financial reports to Mr. Toner and Mr. Kostantakis. Two of the new commissioners were absent.

*Board of Education*

They approved moving from the Big North to the North Jersey Interscholastic Conference at the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

They also checked the safety of lunch tables following the accident in New Milford and will be adding a spring latch as an extra precaution.

- Councilman Hayes

No report

- Councilman Manna

Council members Manna and Zamechansky met with Ms. Faulborn to review the challenges of social services being provided to residents of Dumont-safety and location.

Interviews of H2M and Maser were conducted by members of the Governing Body.

- Councilman Morrell

*Shade Tree Commission*

They will be holding a seminar January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center at 7:30PM

- Councilman Riquelme

*DPW*

In December a total of 312 miles of street was swept and 16 sewer jobs were done. DPW and Police vehicles were serviced.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

*Seniors*

On January 27<sup>th</sup> and January 28<sup>th</sup> they will be holding a canasta tournament; February 1<sup>st</sup> is the Super Bowl party and February 13<sup>th</sup> is the Valentine's Day party.

The March 25<sup>th</sup> Rockettes show tickets are available. The cost is \$150, which covers the bus, the show and dinner. Contact Ms. Faulborn if interested.

*Fire Department*

There were a total of 34 alarms and 858 man hours in December.

*Ambulance*

They responded to over 18 calls on Sunday due to the ice conditions.

*Police*

In December there were 1708 telephone calls for service; 81 for medical reasons. They issued 255 traffic summons, responded to 27 burglar alarms calls and investigated 9 domestic violence cases.

Last week the police committee met with the police and stressed the importance of light duty. The light duty policy will decrease the amount of overtime.

The "Relay for Life" will be held at the high school June 5th. For signups and donations go to Relay for Life/Dumont.

Congratulations to Boy Scout troop #1345 and especially Zack Zimmerman. They put together a program for feeding the hungry for Martin Luther King Day. Over 47,000 meals were packaged. Councilwoman Zamechansky, Chief Faulborn, Captain Conner and Officer DiGirolamo also participated.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Kelly thanked the Ambulance Corps members who came out in very dangerous times to make sure the residents were taken care of. They had requested a reverse 911 but the County, which handles these requests, did not consider Sunday an emergency. There are other options, which Captain McKeary has presented; these will be considered.

We had our first introductory Ad Hoc Committee meeting. The Committee will be meeting a couple of times a month.

## **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Gleassey stated that a DOT application for Magnolia Avenue has been submitted.

The Library heater is in.

The Sanitary Sewer bids were received January 8<sup>th</sup>.

The documents for the Depew III project have been submitted to DOT.

The DPW and Borough Hall air permit applications have been submitted to DEP.

FEMA will be conducting a meeting residents will be able to attend. Locations and times will be announced.

**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.

Councilman Hayes requested resolutions #50 and #57 be removed from the consent agenda.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**#15-46** Authorization for the Borough of Dumont to Enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement \*

**#15-47** Approval of Dumont High School Athletic Booster Calendar Raffle to be held March 15, 2015-June 15, 2015; ID#109-5-24823, RL#419 \*

**#15-48** Bills List \*

**#15-49** Depew Street Improvements III-Remington, Vernick & Arango Proposal-not to exceed \$29,000 \*

**#15-51** Frank Berardo-Hire as Part-time Certified Tax Collector-not to exceed \$20,000 \*

**#15-52** Approval of Bergen County Law Enforcement Mutual Aid \*

**#15-53** William Wicker-Accept Resignation as Recreation Commission Coordinator \*

**#15-54** Approval of LOSAP Contribution for Fire Department and Ambulance Corps.-\$51,600 \*

**#15-55** Depew Street Improvements III-Authorization to Advertise for Bids \*

**#15-56** Cheryl Prinjinski-Appoint as Borough Tax Search Officer-\$300 annually \*

**#15-58** Library Phase II, Exterior Restoration-Award of Bid-not to exceed \$156,000 \*

Motion to open to the public on consent agenda items: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the consent agenda: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Hayes, Manna, Morrell, Riquelme,

Zamechansky-yes

Non-consent Agenda

**#15-50 Approval of Capital Budget Amendment-Locust and Dumont Avenue Reconstruction**

Councilman Hayes commented that we should see what the costs of the grants would be prior to starting the process where it costs us money.

Councilman Manna explained that Locust and Dumont Avenue is paid for, for the most part, by a grant. It is our responsibility to make sure the streets are maintained. Maybe we should set a schedule going forward.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to adopt #15-50: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Manna, Morrell, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes  
Councilman Hayes-abstained

**#15-57 Revision of Chapter 21-7-Park Avenue Parking Restrictions**

Mayor Kelly explained that we have a popular bus route that goes through our town. We have parking areas for commuters, which requires a permit. The Mayor has gotten many complaints from Dumont homeowners. Signs which had previously been posted and then removed, were put back up. There has been much discussion among the Mayor, Police Chief and Lt. Tamburro, who is in charge of traffic, regarding the current ordinance on Park Avenue.

There was discussion regarding the restrictive nature of the current ordinance.

Stickers for homeowners' cars was suggested.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

1. MaryAnn Russini, 141 Roosevelt Avenue, thinks it's ridiculous that there are restrictions on any street; they pay enough taxes. Decals are used in Boston.

2. Jim Cullen, 140 Park Avenue, has talked to his neighbors. There are a lot of parking ordinances which are not enforced. Restriction of parking is not the answer. He feels a removable placard is the answer. They are taxpayers.

Mayor Kelly explained that the resolution is on the agenda tonight in order to decide on hours that would not be restrictive to the residents but at the same time not allow commuters to park there. He said he would like to pull the resolution tonight and use Mr. Cullen as a point person for suggestions to changes in the parking ordinance.

3. Tracy Cullen, 140 Park Avenue, said her neighbor has her church group meeting at her house. When she called the police, she was told they would have to park elsewhere or move their cars every hour. She asked if they would be charged for stickers or placards.

4. Fred Herbst, 163 Park Avenue, suggested no restrictions, parking by placard only.

5. Kelly Powers, 120 Park Avenue, wanted a guarantee they would not get tickets while this issue is being discussed.

6. Frank Fennell, 132 Park Avenue, babysits for his grandchildren. The one hour

parking is a problem. There's thirty minute parking behind the bars and he has never seen any cars ticketed there.

7. David Cardoza, 103 Park, said that since the signs were put up, the road is wide open and drivers are speeding.

8. Bonnie Bryant, 124 Park, is a business owner on Madison Avenue and her customers have been getting tickets. She suggested decals.

The Mayor will discuss the suggestions with the Police Department.

Motion to pull Resolution #57 from the agenda: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Hayes, Manna, Morrell, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

## **ORDINANCE**

### *First Reading*

Bond ordinance #1479 providing for road resurfacing, appropriating \$165,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$156,750 of bonds or notes of the borough for financing the costs for said improvements authorized to be undertaken in and by the Borough of Dumont, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (previously tabled Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014)

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Manna

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Manna, Morrell, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes  
Councilman Hayes-abstained

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

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

1. MaryAnn Russini, 141 Roosevelt Avenue, asked for an update on the installation of the storm drain on her street.

The Mayor commented that the money is already allotted for this project, there have been meetings with residents. There was only a handful of people interested in participating. The homeowner would have to tie into the line at his own expense. The Mayor will speak to the engineer about the timeline.

When Councilwoman Correa asked Ms. Russini if she wanted to move forward with the project she responded she would have to speak to her sister.

Mr. Paster explained that homeowners could tie in at a later date if they wished.

2. Robert MacDonald, 75 Lucille Avenue, complained about the condition of the D'Angelo property. Are their taxes current and have they been reassessed?

Mr. Paster responded that they are current on both.

3. Lily Binney, Roxbury, asked about open space money being used for remediation. Mr. Paster responded it is the seller's responsibility. Ms. Binney asked the square footage of the current borough hall and the number of parking spaces.

4. Judy Parker, 55 Susan Drive, Closter, asked when the AdHoc committee meets.

5. Cathy Doherty, 110 Roxbury Road, asked if the D'Angelo tax appeal court date

has been set. She spoke of the assessment of the property compared to other commercial properties. Ms. Doherty asked who the tax assessor reports to. She asked whether Ms. Bunin is expected to represent the Farm organization or residents.

6. Lynne Vietri, 41 Wilkens Drive, commented about D'Angelo farm rollback. She asked if the current borough hall is board of education property. She questioned the fact that a purchase order from December has not yet been paid.

7. Rachel Bunin, 9 Poplar, asked the reason the D'Angelo tax appeal was postponed.

8. Courtney MacDonald, 75 Lucille, asked why we are paying rent for the new Borough Hall if we are not using it yet. Mayor Kelly explained that walls have to be constructed and painted, etc. prior to moving in.

Motion to close: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Morrell

All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter closed session to discuss:

Contract Negotiations-Planner's Contract

Pending Litigation-D'Angelo Farms Property

Personnel-Police

Personnel-Court

Motion: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Morrell

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Hayes, Manna, Morrell, Riquelme,

Zamechansky-yes

Following Closed Session:

Motion to go back into public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Mr. Paster read proposed resolution #59 into the record: A resolution authorizing an appraisal of the D'Angelo Farm six acre parcel with an environmental investigation in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 for the appraisal and \$2,500 for the environmental investigation subject to further resolution of the Governing Body. There was discussion as to what firm to use for the environmental investigation. It was decided to use Maser.

Motion to accept Resolution #59: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Hayes, Manna, Morrell, Riquelme,

Zamechansky-yes

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilwoman Correa

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC,  
Municipal Clerk