

Revised 2/17/15

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 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

Mayor: James J. Kelly

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the January 20, 2015 Public Meeting: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Manna

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

Motion to approve the January 20, 2015 Closed Session: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

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

ADMINISTRATOR PERKINS' REPORT

We will be doing the sewer line video maintenance project. We have a shared services agreement with Northwest Utilities Authority. The bids received were much higher than their fees. The recommendation is to use Northwest Utilities for the project, which will be a substantial savings for the town.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilwoman Correa

Recreation Commission

The Councilwoman will be attending the meeting tomorrow night.

Board of Education

Next Thursday she will be attending the meeting of the Board of Education

- Councilman Hayes

Joint Land Use Board

The January 24th meeting was cancelled due to the weather.

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Rent Leveling Board

The meetings will be quarterly

Ordinance Committee

We will be meeting this Friday.

- Councilman Morrell

Shade Tree Commission

Seminar is rescheduled for March 2nd.

- Councilman Manna

There will two open house FEMA meetings this month-one February 10th and the other February 11th.

Social Services

Mayor Kelly, Councilman Manna and Councilwoman Zamechansky met with Julia Farrell and Donna Faulborn to discuss times and location for residents who need assistance to meet.

- Councilman Riquelme

Library

Carolyn Blowers retired as Director as of January 31st. Kathy McGrath will assume the responsibility as Acting Director. The new Board president is Dorothy Consentino.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Seniors

The Valentine's party is February 13th.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Our appointed bond counsel has accepted a judgeship so the Borough will have to consider a replacement.

Mr. Paster asked our tax appeal attorney, assessor and appraiser to attend the closed session tonight to discuss the D'Angelo tax appeal.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kelly commended the DPW for their work during the snowstorms.

Vicki Sidrow, CEO of Vantage Health System and Rosemary Newman, Dumont Woman's Club gave a presentation to explain the Stigma-free Zone resolution on tonight's agenda. There is a need to advocate for individuals with mental illness. The process to create the Stigma-free Zone is to adopt a resolution and then create a task force, which consists of community members who have ideas for events to promote awareness. The Woman's Club is spearheading this project and will be part of the task force. Vantage Health has two staff certified to train people in understanding mental health issues and what resources are available. Ms. Sidrow suggested since May is Mental Health month, to combine Vantage Health's May 5th open house and the stigma-free designation with the Woman's Club as a kick-off of the initiative.

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

#15-60 Bills List *

#15-61 Preliminary Cost Resolution *

#15-62 Dixon Homestead Library Improvements Phase II-Approval of Connolly & Hickey Proposal-\$26,400 *

#15-63 Jodie Delehanty-Appointment as Full-time Finance Clerk-\$35,000 *

#15-64 Rejection of Sanitary Sewer Bids *

#15-65 Resolution Designating Dumont as a Stigma-free Zone *

#15-66 Appointment of Maser Consulting as Borough Planner and COAH Planner *

Mr. Paster had a discussion with Maser representatives and they agreed to the \$10 reduction in their hourly rate and a \$5,000 credit for future services.

#15-67 Accept Resignation of Library Director Carolyn Blowers * Councilman Riquelme explained that Kathy McGrath was the Assistant Director and is now Acting Director, receiving \$200 additional salary per week. She is planning on retiring in July. The trustees have formed a search committee to hire a new director.

#15-68 Authorization to Hire Two Police Officers *

Councilman Manna requested Resolution #68 be moved to non-consent.

Motion to open to the public on Consent Agenda items: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Morrell

All in favor.

1. Rachel Bunin, 9 Poplar, asked if the Council has confidence in Maser. Mayor Kelly responded that they are very experienced.

Motion to close: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Manna

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

Non-consent Agenda

#15-68 Authorization to Hire Two Police Officers

Councilwoman Zamechansky explained that after the last meeting, she met with Chief Faulborn to discuss four issues. The days the dispatchers received and six month review have since been received by the Governing Body. The Chief has been working on the ordinance for new hires. The fourth issue was light duty policy for Police, which is being looked into.

Councilman Manna feels that the “new hire” policy should be in effect prior to adopting the resolution on tonight’s agenda. He is not opposed to the hiring but it is premature at this point.

Mr. Perkins stated that at every safety meeting, JIF asks if we have a light duty policy for the police yet. We do have it for the DPW.

Motion to table Resolution #68: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Hayes

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

Motion to table carried.

ORDINANCE

Second Reading

#1479 Bond ordinance 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 (Locust & Dumont Avenue)

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

There was no discussion from the Council.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

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

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

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to go into closed session to discuss:

Litigation-Recreation

Tax Appeal-D'Angelo Farms

Motion: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman Manna

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

Motion to go back into public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to amend Resolution #59, adopted at the January 20th meeting, to increase the fee of Maser Consulting not to exceed \$4,700: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky
Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Hayes, Manna, Morrell, Riquelme,
Zamechansky-yes
Motion to adjourn: Councilman Manna
Second: Councilman Hayes
All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC
Municipal Clerk