

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 26, 2022
6:30 PM**

Mayor LaBruno called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

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 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 and Ridgewood News and Facebook.

Roll Call:

Council members: Gorman, Harvilla, Novoa, Rossillo, Russell, Stewart: Present

Mayor: Andrew LaBruno: Present

Motion to accept the agenda as presented: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

**BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE PRESENTATION
– Memorial Park Improvements Project Phase 3**

Borough Engineer, John Dunlea ran through the grant application for Veterans Memorial Park, with respect to Phase 3, for the potential construction of a water feature at the park. The engineer and the grant writer have developed the application related to the construction of the water feature at the park. The estimate for the proposed improvements is \$546,531.75. This is a matching grant which means the Borough would fund half and Bergen County Open Space would fund the other half. The estimate includes the cost of the water feature, the concrete pad, utility improvements required to service the water feature and reconstruction of asphalt areas impacted by the construction. Mr. Dunlea presented the exhibit displaying the plan, and showed the location of the proposed water feature where there is currently a sand pit. It is just north of the basketball court. Water service, sanitary sewer, if needed, and drainage infrastructure would likely be pulled from the road. The asphalt would be reconstructed, or it can be concrete. The estimate includes all required drainage and water service for the water feature. The presentation this evening is to brief the Mayor and Council, as well as the public regarding the application. Public comments will be taken under consideration, and the engineer's office will work with the Borough's grant writer should the Borough wish to proceed with the application which is due May 8, 2022.

Mayor LaBruno invited the Recreation Director, Tony Como to speak about the project. Mr. Como stated that the sprinklers used for summer camp were removed from the basketball court during the renovation. The previous water set-up was part of the problem on the basketball courts. It wore out the finish and aided in the cracking of the courts. According to camp associations, the Department of Health and United States weather service, there's a general code where they go to code red when temperatures hit above 90 degrees. From 90 to 95 degrees,

children should not be outside without a water feature or some sort of water to cool off, or they should be inside. The Borough's camp is outdoors, so the Borough would have to close camp once the temperature reached 92 degrees. Before the town had a water feature, the camp closed when the temperatures reached 92 degrees or higher. The DPW is coming up with some ideas to get the camp through this summer hopefully. The Mayor stated that the camp will have access to the water feature at Gina's Field by the end of June.

Councilwoman Stewart stated that the basketball court looks great and wanted to ensure that adding a water feature here will not interfere with all the good work done on the basketball court. Mr. Dunlea answered that it will not impact the basketball court. The elevation has been worked out. The Councilwoman also stated that all of the bricks with the names are at the park.

Councilwoman Novoa asked if the area that is going to be replaced with asphalt is currently concrete or asphalt? Mr. Dunlea stated it is asphalt and in poor condition. It would be replaced with asphalt, or could be replaced with concrete hardscape, if the Borough chooses.

Councilman Russell asked if the water and sanitary line will run past the hut? Mr. Dunlea stated he does not anticipate a sanitary line. A stormwater line would pull off of the road, run past the hut and tie into a manifold nearby the water feature. The engineers want that water system to be separate from the hut. He doesn't recommend pulling water from the hut, as there should be constant water flow, separate from the hut. If something happens in the hut, then the water feature does not get knocked out.

Motion to open to the public for comments on Bergen County Open Space Presentation Only:

Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor

1. Maryanne Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, asked if the sand pit was going to be relocated and if water can be used from Gails Place. Why wasn't the water feature included in Phase 2, and where is the money for this project coming from?
2. John Sansone, Beacon Street, does not have an issue with the project, just the funding. The Borough always seems to run into change orders. He commends the Borough on beautifying the parks, but feels they should put hardscape, not asphalt.
3. Lynn Vietri, Wilkens Drive, thinks the kids need to have a water source at rec. She asked how many days are above 92 degrees during the six weeks of camp and will it be used for something else?
4. Bruce DeLyon, Beacon Street, understands it is a worthy project but would like to know the actual cost of the project. He would like to know a projected cost per average household on all future projects, or a range.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

Mayor LaBruno stated the water feature is not just for recreation, but it is part of the park and will be on during hot days when it is not raining.

The Borough Engineer commented the Borough can evaluate the sand pit and relocate if needed. The water line depends on the award amount from BC Open Space. The Borough will decide what exactly that water feature is and how much water pressure is needed. If it is something that can run from another water supply or structure, and not all the way to the street, it is something that will be evaluated during engineering and design phase. The engineer looks for opportunity to save money and provide good value engineered projects. As for change orders and hard costs, every estimate has an itemized cost estimate. They measured square footage of asphalt, calculated earth work, soil erosion measures and spoke to a number of water feature manufacturers to determine pricing. They will value engineer even more based on the amount awarded by the County.

The Administrator stated there is currently no plan to relocate the sand pit. The Borough did take everything into consideration when removing the sprinkler system from the basketball court. Memorial Park is part of a multi-year plan since it is one of the crown jewel parks in the community. The Borough focused on the basketball court and in June, the playground equipment will be completed as part of Phase 1. Next year, there will be Phase 2 and Phase 3. The Borough was already awarded for Phase 2. With the matching grant, it will be about \$180,000 dedicated toward general infrastructure and walkway improvements. The Borough will know the award for Phase 3 by the end of the year and can plan accordingly and utilize previously capitalized items reallocated. If needed, the Governing Body will consider a Capital Ordinance to complete the project. They will consider asphalt over concrete depending on the final award amount.

Councilman Russell commented it is a lot of money being spent on this, and they really need to work on roads in the town. He thinks money can be spent better on roads, rather than park stuff.

Mayor LaBruno stated that the Borough is paving roads, and trying to get as much grant money as possible. Hopefully, the Borough can get grant money for this project as well, and move forward with both roads and parks.

Councilman Gorman asked for clarity on the timeline on Open Space grant funds and the process when they come in.

Mr. Tully stated that Phase 2 was awarded at the end of last year and is a matching grant. When the Borough applies for Phase 3 by May 8th, the expectation is the award will be received by December. Then the Borough can make plans and timelines for completion of Phase 2 and Phase 3, with the intention of having the project done in 2023.

Motion to approve the March 8, 2022 Executive Meeting minutes: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilman Russell

Roll call vote: Councilmembers Gorman, Harvilla, Novoa, Rossillo, Russell, Stewart - yes

Motion to approve the March 8, 2022 Closed Session minutes: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

Roll call vote: Councilmembers Gorman, Harvilla, Novoa, Rossillo, Russell, Stewart – yes

Motion to approve the March 22, 2022 Public Meeting minutes: Councilwoman Stewart
Second: Councilman Russell
Roll call vote: Councilmembers Gorman, Harvilla, Novoa, Rossillo, Russell, Stewart

Motion to approve the March 22, 2022 Closed Session minutes: Councilwoman Rossillo
Second: Councilwoman Novoa
Roll call vote: Councilmembers Gorman, Harvilla, Novoa, Rossillo, Russell, Stewart – yes

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor LaBruno reported there was ribbon cutting ceremony for Girls Softball over at Twin Boro Field this past Friday. It was great to see the girls back on the field with a new diamond. He commended the Borough Administrator, Recreation Director, Council Liaison Gorman, all of the Recreation commissioners and Girls Softball. The Borough was committed to getting this project done last year, and he is happy to see the project come to fruition. Gina's Field is coming along nicely. The walkway looks great and the park equipment is in right now. They are working on the field and splash pad. At Memorial Park, we spoke of the various phases, and the basketball courts look great. The color selection will go nicely with playground equipment when it is installed. Council President Rossillo had input in choosing those colors, and it looks great with the grey, orange and blue. There are a bunch of road projects, such as Bedford, Virginia and the Riverside Coop roads. There is a large project on Dixon, and the Borough is going to try to pave that road by the end of the year as well. That will be a total of eight roads this year, which is probably the most roads the Borough has paved in quite some time. The Mayor agrees with Councilman Russell that the roads are in dire need of repair. He is happy they are attacking both fronts, the parks and the roads. Regarding the question about volleyball, the Borough received an email from a resident about a recreational volleyball program. They are looking at the tennis courts as an option with adjustable nets that can be used for both tennis and volleyball.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Gorman

- *Recreation*

The next recreation meeting is Wednesday, May 4th. The Councilman thanked everyone who attended the ribbon cutting ceremony last Friday for Twin Boro Field, especially Recreation Chair Euris Rivas, former Recreation Chair Mike Prulello, Softball Liaison Jennifer Grom, Brian Harris, Rec Director Tony Como, all the families who attended, as well as the Recreation Commission and the Mayor and Council in attendance.

- *Police*

There were 1,941 calls for service, 95 for medical service calls, 29 for fire calls and 4 for commitments. There were 17 motor vehicle accident investigations; 13 burglar alarms were responded to; 2 warrants served; 3 street lights and 8 decorative lights non-functioning; 2 car seats installed; 114 dark house slips were issued. The Councilman thanked the Police Department for everything they do and stated the statistics are read to show members of the community that our Police Department is out there and working hard.

Councilman Gorman added that tomorrow, April 27th is Administrative Professionals Day, and he thanked all of the Borough employees who keep the Borough running smoothly on a day to day basis and deal with the public for the Governing Body.

Councilman Harvilla

- *Library*

The Library Board of Trustees meeting was held on Wednesday, March 23rd. On March 28th, the Library's mask optional policy went into effect, followed by the April 7th removal of the plexiglass around the circulation desk. On April 20th, the library's grant writing committee and architect met with the Borough to discuss next steps in the library's ADA compliance build out project. They anticipate going to bid in June or July, and suggest beginning construction after September. The children's room was closed from April 20-26 to accommodate final installation of new shelving. The library circulation is up 38% year to date from last year, with an overall year to date circulation of 21,679 versus 15,673 as this time last year. Year to date reference questions are up 30%, and new registrations are up 95% this year. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25th.

- *Finance Committee*

Resolution #134 represents the introduction of this year's municipal budget. There were many meetings with Department Heads, Borough Officials, the Governing Body, subject matter experts and professionals that went into this budget. Under this budget, the Borough will maintain the high level of service the constituents are used to. The Borough will be repaving seven, potentially eight roads, complete improvements to three of the Borough parks and the Dixon Homestead Library, as well as maintaining the Borough's fleet of vehicles. There will be a significant reserve for emergencies, including conserving \$1 million in American Rescue Plan funds for the future.

Councilwoman Novoa

- *Stigma Free Committee*

The next meeting is this Thursday at 12 noon via Zoom

- *Board of Health*

The Board has not met this year, but will be meeting in June.

- *Finance Committee*

The Councilwoman thanked everyone who participated in putting together the budget. They all worked really hard and put their best effort in to make sure everything is in place to run the Borough smoothly. She thanked Councilman Harvilla.

Councilwoman Rossillo

- *Board of Education*

The Board concluded accepting applications for the seat recently made available due to the passing of Sandra Fernandez. They will conduct interviews based on applications sent in, and once the trustee is chosen they will notify the Borough. The seat will be filled through December 31st of this year, and the remaining two years will be voted upon during the next election in November. If anyone is interested in running, they can apply to be placed on the ballot for the November election. The next meeting is Thursday, May 19th.

Councilwoman Stewart

No reports

Councilman Russell

- *Shared Services*

No report.

- *Shade Tree Commission*

This Saturday from 1-3 p.m. will be the Commission's Arbor Day Celebration at the Arboretum on West Shore Avenue. It is their signature event of the year, and they welcome anyone who would like to attend.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Dunlea reviewed the report handed out to the Governing Body. The Borough's zoning map is complete which was handed out for the Borough's review, as well as well as a full copy for the public. The next steps will be the Engineer works with the Borough's planner and attorney, the approval from JLUB and adoption by the Mayor and Council. The Veteran's Memorial Park Basketball Court Reconstruction project is substantially complete. The trench drain just needs to be painted, and review of any final payment applications from the contractor as it relates to work completed as part of the change order. The 2022 Riverside Cooperative Roadway Paving Program bids were received April 19th and bid results are under review by the Cooperative lead agency. Upon receipt of the results, their office will review the same and inform the Governing Body of the anticipated award amount. Emergency work was completed on Dixon Avenue and the Borough will look to repave that as part of the road program this year if bids come in favorably. Two other roads included in the Boroughs paving list this year are Virginia Avenue and Bedford Road, which is DOT grant funded and has a 30-day review period. Virginia Avenue is being funded by Borough capital improvement funds. Plans will be completed in next two weeks, but the survey is done. There is a resolution on tonight's agenda to authorize to go out to bid for Virginia and Bedford. Two sewer emergencies included collapsed pipes on Dixon Avenue and Depew Street. Dixon Avenue had a sewer pipe collapse 18-20 feet deep in the ground and there was significant shoring required. It is substantially complete, the base course is down, and there is a 90-day settlement period before final surface is put down. On April 8th, Depew Street had a collapsed sewer pipe which was about 8-10 feet deep during a very heavy rainfall, and they encountered ground water. The pipe is now serviceable and flowing, but they are monitoring the ground water before finalizing the repair. The scoreboard installation at Twin Boro Field is on hold until a desired location is decided upon by all stakeholders. It was been determined that the previously designated location would not work given potential use of the field. The engineer's office met with Borough officials at the Dixon Homestead Library regarding water infiltration in the basement to provide potential solutions and cost estimates. The Borough Administrator added there will be an emergency notice and resolution on a future agenda for the two emergencies at Dixon Avenue and Depew Street. The funding will come from previous capital ordinances. Mr. Dunlea stated that Dixon will likely be added to the Riverside Coop Roadway Improvement Program via change order if the bids come in favorable. This can also be done with the bidding for Virginia Avenue and Bedford Road. In both cases, he feels there will be an opportunity to change order in Dixon Avenue at no additional cost than what the Borough has already bonded.

FINANCIAL ADVISORS REPORT

Mayor LaBruno invited Josh Nyikita from Acacia Financial to come up and discuss resolutions #147 and #148 regarding the bond sale. Mr. Nyikita noted there are two resolutions on tonight's agenda in connection with the issuance of \$18,580,000.00 in long term general obligation bonds to the Borough. They are basic resolutions adopted by the Borough in connection with bond issues and all part of the normal course of action in connection with the bond transaction that follows the adoption of ordinances that authorize the debt. The first resolution is the combining

resolution which provides for the combining of certain authorizations in prior issues of notes into a single transaction. The \$18.58 million consists of \$16.78 million of existing bond anticipation notes that the Borough has already incurred as debt in short term form, and the idea is to take that out long term with the bond issue. In addition, there is \$1.8 million in a new ordinance that was adopted in April 2022 which will be added to the transaction as well, which gets us to the \$18.58 million in long term bonds. The second resolution is called a form and sale resolution which lays out the details of the transaction, basic parameters that the bond is issued under. It includes the preliminary amortization schedule, payment dates, redemption provisions, and bid parameters for the competitive sale that will undertake in May in anticipation of closing on the bond transaction in June. The final key details in terms of interest rate will not be known until we accept the bids in May, which is done on a competitive basis to public markets. They expect to close in early June on the transaction. The Mayor asked Mr. Nyikita to explain a little more detail regarding the volatility of the market. He stated there has been a significant increase in interest rates due to inflation and fears of a recession. The feds have increased rates numerous times and they expect it to continue to happen. He explained while there has been a significant increase in rates overall, it has really been on the front end of the yield curve so there is a real flattening of the yield curve. This transaction goes out 25 years, so a lot of the bonds that are amortizing on the long end are still close to historical averages when you look back at 10-15-year averages of rates. The Borough is still locking in long term debt at a relatively attractive rate. They are estimating a TIC of about 4.5 percent over a 25-year borrowing, which is not bad in the grand scheme of things. If the Borough was to stay in short term mode, the short-term rates are up and getting 25 or 15 basis points on a one-year note about a year ago. It's up to 2% on that short-term rate. Short term debt is very expensive right now, so locking in rates provides budget certainty with respect to the outstanding debt. Mr. Nyikita stated the Borough has a very strong bond rating AA stable by Moody's, which was last updated in 2020. It is a very current rating and they do not expect it to change. This attracts investors to the Borough's debt. As for the blank areas on the resolution, the third page of the resolution is the form of the bond and will be known once the final bid is done. Certain parameters of the bid are set forth as an attachment to the resolution as well.

CFO REPORT

Mr. Abbasi stated the temporary emergency appropriation resolution increases the budget to 50 percent of last year's budget. Resolution #136 certifies that the Governing Body is compliant with United States equal employment opportunity commissions guidance in employment and hiring practices. It is a mandatory certification required during introduction of the municipal budget since 2017. The cancellation of unexpended capital improvement authorizations made under prior bond ordinances and bond anticipation notes has the funds become a part capital surplus to be utilized as a revenue source in 2022 budget. In response to Hurricane Ida in 2021, the Governing Body adopted Resolution #211 appropriating \$100,000.00. The Borough only utilized \$77,429.00 of the emergency appropriation, which will be raised in this year's budget. Therefore, Resolution #138 cancels the balance of \$22,571.00.

General Order of Business

#22-134 – Introduction of the 2022 Municipal Budget

Motion to pass the introduction of the 2022 budget: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

Roll call vote: Councilmembers Gorman, Harvilla, Novoa, Rossillo, Russell, Stewart – yes

The Municipal Clerk read the 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

- #22-135 – Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriation *
- #22-136 – Budget EEO Compliance *
- #22-137 – Cancellation of Completed General Capital Fund Unexpended Improvement Authorization Balances *
- #22-138 – Cancellation of Unexpended Balance of 2021 Emergency Appropriations *
- #22-139 – Accept Fire Department Resignations from Colin Hilcken and Mike Davis *
- #22-140 – Amend Lincoln School PTO Raffle Licenses #576 & #577 *
- #22-141 – Authorization of Terminal Leave Payout for Alfred Rosa *
- #22-142 – Permanent Police Status - Officer Zachary O'Connor *
- #22-143 – Permanent Police Status - Officer Dillon McInerney *
- #22-144 – Accept Resignation from Dispatcher Michael Fredericks *
- #22-145 – Appointment of Tesser and Cohen as Construction Litigation Attorney *
- #22-146 – Authorization of Submission of Bergen County Open Space Municipal Park Improvement Grant *
- #22-147 – Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of Bonds or Notes of the Borough of Dumont into an Individual Issue of Bonds or Notes Aggregating Not to Exceed \$18,580,000 in Principal Amount *
- #22-148 – Resolution Determining the Form and Other Details of not to Exceed \$18,580,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022 of the Borough of Dumont & Providing for Their Sale *
- #22-149 – Authorize Advertisement for Bid – Virginia Avenue & Bedford Road *
- #22-150 – Approval of Soap Box Car Race on Charles Street *
- #22-151 – Amend Grant School PTO Raffle License #578 *
- #22-152 – Approval to Purchase Police Department Body Cameras from Motorola Watchguard *
- #22-153 – Accept Resignation from Finance Clerk – Chrissy Apicella *
- #22-154 – Approval of Change Order #1 – DS Meyer Enterprises, LLC *
- #22-155 – Approval of Honiss School PTA Merchandise Raffle *
- #22-156 – Authorize Advertisement for Bid – Colonial Parkway *

Mayor LaBruno congratulated the two Police Officers who received permanent status.

Public Comment - Consent Agenda Only

Motion to open to the public for Comments on Consent Agenda Only: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilman Gorman

All in favor.

1. Lynn Vietri, asked about the location of fencing along Columbia Avenue and where the field tractor will be kept. She also questioned the \$55,000 for commercial washing machines and who will be using them.

2. Mary Normoyle, Randolph Avenue, asked about the financial agreement for the new construction litigation attorney and what other bills are paid from special professional services?
3. Bruce DeLyon, Beacon Street, commended the speakers regarding the financial resolutions. He commented on the amount of interest being paid on the bonds in the future and the amount paid in interest since 2017 on these ordinances.
4. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, asked about the \$18 million rolling into one bond and if anything is being paid in 2022? If a bond is at a lower rate now, will it be left out of the new bond?

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilman Gorman

All in favor.

Mr. Nyikita of Acacia Financial answered residents' questions. For outstanding bonds being refunded with this transaction, the Borough is just taking out notes that are short term and maturing in June. They are not permitted under NJ Local Bond Law to take debt outstanding with a lower rate and refinance at a higher rate. There is an interest payment due on the existing note this year which is about \$334,000, and the new bonds will have an interest payment of about \$343,000. The first principal payment of about \$410,000 is due in 2023, and it escalates up to about \$820,000 at final maturity in 2050. Under NJ Local Bond Law, after a three-year period of time, the Borough is required to pay down notes as per the amortization schedule. After a ten-year period, the Borough is required to pay off that note in full, or permanently finance it at that time. Short term rates are increasing significantly, and there is not a benefit of staying short term as there once was. As for amortization, the average life of the assets being financed is over 25 years. The Borough has a very favorable existing debt service structure that drops off relatively soon. About 50 percent of the Borough's debt is paid off in ten years, which is noted in the Standard and Poor's credit report as a credit positive. In the future, there is capacity to borrow for capital projects.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Russell

Roll call vote: Council members: Gorman, Harvilla, Novoa, Rossillo, Russell, Stewart – yes

ORDINANCES

2nd Reading

#1598 Ordinance to Amend Chapter 355-3 of the Dumont Borough Code – Site Plan

Approval

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilman Gorman

All in favor.

Mr. Leibman commented that the Council all received the Consistency Review from the Joint Land Use Board regarding this ordinance. The Board's Planner reviewed the ordinance with the JLUB. This ordinance changes the procedure so applications for changes in use are not necessary. The planner's opinion was that this is actually not referenced in the Master Plan at all, and therefore, a consistency review really was not even necessary. Mr. Leibman agrees.

Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilman Gorman

All in favor.

No one from the public wished to be heard.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on 2nd reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilwoman Novoa

Roll Call Vote: Council members: Gorman, Harvilla, Novoa, Rossillo, Russell, Stewart – yes

2nd Reading

#1601 Ordinance to Amend Chapter 283-4 of the Dumont Borough Code – Recreation; Use of Vehicles

Motion to waive Formal Reading: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

There was no discussion from the Council.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Gorman

Second: Councilwoman Novoa

All in favor.

No one from the public wished to be heard.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilman Gorman

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on 2nd reading: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilman Gorman

Roll Call Vote: Council members: Gorman, Harvilla, Novoa, Rossillo, Russell, Stewart – yes

2nd Reading

#1602 Ordinance to Amend Chapter 455-5 of the Dumont Borough Code – Definitions & Words Usage

Motion to waive Formal Reading: Councilman Gorman

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

Mr. Leibman reminded the Council that this ordinance cleaned up some of the definitions and identified where the floor area ratio was in the schedule. The Joint Land Use Board provided a Consistency Review and they have determined that it is consistent with the Borough's Master Plan.

Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Russell

All in favor.

No one from the public wished to be heard.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on 2nd reading: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilman Gorman

Roll Call Vote: Council members: Gorman, Harvilla, Novoa, Rossillo, Russell, Stewart – yes

2nd Reading

#1603 Ordinance to Amend Chapter 182-2 of the Dumont Borough Code - Fees

Motion to waive Formal Reading: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilwoman Novoa

All in favor.

Mr. Leibman stated that some of the fees were updated, and provided clarity on some of the fees that were not clear. The ordinance was modernized a little bit.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Gorman

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

No one from the public wished to be heard.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on 2nd reading: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

Roll Call Vote: Council members: Gorman, Harvilla, Novoa, Rossillo, Russell, Stewart – yes

2nd Reading

#1604 Ordinance to Amend Chapter 455-35 of the Dumont Borough Code – Limiting Schedule

Motion to waive Formal Reading: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilwoman Novoa

All in favor.

Mr. Leibman commented that the Joint Land Use Board provided a Consistency Review for this ordinance. This is the limiting schedule where the floor area ratio reference was added. The JLUB's report is the ordinance is consistent with the Borough's Master Plan.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Gorman

Second: Councilwoman Novoa

All in favor.

No one from the public wished to be heard.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilwoman Novoa

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on 2nd reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Russell

Roll Call Vote: Council members: Gorman, Harvilla, Novoa, Rossillo, Russell, Stewart – yes

2nd Reading

#1605 Ordinance to Amend Chapter 392 of the Dumont Borough Code – Swimming Pools

Motion to waive Formal Reading: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilwoman Novoa

All in favor.

Mr. Leibman reported that the Joint Land Use Board provided a Consistency Review on this ordinance. This references swimming pools and the swimming pool code. The Planner's advice to the JLUB was this code provision is not addressed in the Borough's Master Plan. Therefore, it is not inconsistent with the Master Plan. Mayor LaBruno stated some concerns about the distance a pool has to be from the property line, and asked what a resident would have to do if they wanted to have a pool closer to the property line. Mr. Leibman replied that the engineering escrow fees for swimming pools were reduced. Above ground or temporary pools is a faster, more stream-lined process and there was some authority given to the Building Department. However, inground pools are significant structures. There is a difference between portable pools and inground pools in the ordinance.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Gorman

Second: Councilwoman Novoa

All in favor.

No one from the public wished to be heard.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilman Russell

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on 2nd reading: Councilwoman Novoa

Second: Councilman Gorman

Roll Call Vote: Council members: Gorman, Harvilla, Novoa, Rossillo, Russell, Stewart – yes

2nd Reading

#1606 Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establish a Cap Bank CAP

Motion to waive Formal Reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Gorman

All in favor.

There was no discussion from the Council.

Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilwoman Novoa

All in favor.

No one from the public wished to be heard.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilman Gorman

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on 2nd reading: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

Roll Call Vote: Council members: Gorman, Harvilla, Novoa, Rossillo, Russell, Stewart – yes

Public Comment - General Comments

Motion to open to the public for general comments: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Russell

All in favor.

1. Bruce DeLyon, Beacon Street, discussed the budget process and went through the individual pages of the introduced budget. He discussed the increases in the budget. He asked what the increase will be for an average assessed house of \$307,000 with a bond rate at approximately 4.5%.

2. Mary Normoyle, Randolph Avenue, inquired about the DS Meyer payment and the ADA doors.
3. John Sansone, Beacon Street, asked what the final cost of the Borough Hall is, and about irrigation in front of the Borough Hall. He stated he did not know the process to get nominated to the Beautification Committee, but his hands were tied for two years with Covid and they only had \$2,000 to spend. He wished the members well, and would like to help out. Mr. Sansone feels the downtown needs to be refreshed.
4. Michael Sullivan, Andover Avenue, thanked Farm'd, the residents of Dumont and the Council for the outpouring of support to him and his family in his dilemma. He suggested repairing the streets in portions, rather than a whole street.
5. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, asked what the FAR for the B-2 and overlay zone is. She mentioned a school in Paramus that has a tennis court with an adjustable net for volleyball and pickleball, and fixing tennis courts at Selzer. Mr. Leibman answered that ordinance #455-7 will answer her question regarding FAR.
6. Lynn Vietri, Wilkens Drive, asked about a comment made at a previous meeting regarding using an attorney in reference to the Arts and Beautification and other committees in town. Councilman Harvilla stated he does not recall this reference. She also stated there is a budget meeting for the BOE this Thursday.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Gorman

Second: Councilwoman Novoa

All in favor.

The Borough Administrator stated there was a preconstruction meeting for Grant Avenue improvements which will begin in the summer of 2022 to coincide with the end of the school year. Summer camp registration is open. He thanked the Recreation Director, the Recreation Commission, Chief Joyce and everyone else involved to make Twin Boro Field improvements happen over the course of last ten months. He also thanked the Borough Attorney and Construction Official for updating the ordinances to help the Borough maintain a more business friendly environment. The Borough is advertising for four open positions, which will be posted on the League of Municipalities and the Borough website. The Borough had a suspected swatting incident which took place within the Borough. Mr. Tully thanked Councilman Harvilla and Councilwoman Novoa for all of their hard work throughout the budget process. He stated DS Meyer is the company that finished the work in the parking lot and the change order was to finish the project. The special line item for legal is every legal entity that is not our labor attorney. The Borough's maintenance employee was watering the sod on a Saturday because the sod needs to be watered extensively every day when first put down. Mr. Tully commented they are looking into the adjustable netting for the pickleball. He stated the Mayor and Council is resolved to move forward with infrastructure improvements. They finished Memorial Park and Twin Boro, they are providing new playground equipment at Memorial and finishing Gina's Field, and paving seven, possibly eight roads this year. It is important to have long-term planning and investments, and know the areas to grow and improve upon. He thanked the Governing Body for their work and support in making it all happen.

Mayor LaBruno stated that the Borough put in for a streetscape grant application to update the Grant Avenue area, and unfortunately, did not get the money. The Borough is applying for this grant again. He agrees the downtown does need to be updated. Some new businesses have come

in and are investing in the properties. The Borough is doing as much as they can with the grant writers to try to get money for beautification. The Mayor also thanked the Council for recognizing this vision of needing to get things done. They are all residents, and he wants everyone to feel proud of the town they come home to each day. He thanked Chief Joyce, who is also a Recreation Commissioner, for his hard work with the Recreation Director and Dumont Girls Softball to ensure everything got done at the field. Twin Boro looks great, and the new diamond and open-air dugouts look very nice.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Gorman

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Jeanine E. Siek, RMC

Municipal Clerk