

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
SENIOR CENTER
DECEMBER 20, 2016
6:30 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order
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, Di Paolo (arrived at 6:40PM), Morrell, Riquelme,
Zamechansky (via phone)-present
Councilman Hayes-absent
Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Morrell
Second: Councilman Riquelme
All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the November 1, 2016 Executive and Closed Session minutes:

Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Di Paolo, Morrell, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to approve the November 9, 2016 Public and Closed Session minutes:

Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman Morrell

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Di Paolo, Morrell, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to approve the November 22, 2016 Public and Closed Session minutes:

Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman Morrell

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Di Paolo, Morrell, Riquelme-yes

Councilwoman Zamechansky-abstained

Motion to approve the December 6, 2016 Executive and Closed Session minutes:

Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Di Paolo, Morrell, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kelly thanked everyone involved with the Winter Festival. The Fire Department brought Santa Claus to the park. The Police Department served over 1,200 cups of hot chocolate. The DPW did a great job.

The Mayor thanked Councilwoman Zamechansky for her service and dedication over the years she served on the Council.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Herr said that the Council will be voting on the Nixle emergency notification tonight. He has spoken to the Police Chief and they both feel it is a good system and lowest quote.

The Roosevelt Avenue project should be finished by tomorrow. We were awarded a 2016 Community Development grant for \$99,000 for Thompson Street and part of Shraalenburg Way. We are in the process of applying for a 2017 grant for part of Columbia Avenue from Washington Avenue to the railroad tracks.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilwoman Correa

Board of Education

The BOE signed a memorandum of agreement. They are waiting for the staff to sign off on it. They are looking into a shared service agreement with Bergen County for vehicle maintenance repairs.

- Councilman Di Paolo

Shade Tree Commission

They met yesterday. They submitted their five year plan to the State Forestry. They intend to extend the arboretum south into Sorois Park. They would have to coordinate with Recreation since the park falls under Green Acres.

- Councilman Morrell

Recreation

Winterfest was great. The new storage sheds are at TwinBoro Field. Lanyards are almost completed. All coaches and team moms must go through a background check, concussion course and Rutgers certification in order to be certified and receive a lanyard.

- Councilman Riquelme

DPW

In November 15 sewer jobs were completed. 632 miles were swept. Police vehicles were serviced. They have done an awesome job picking up leaves.

Ambulance Corps

The trustees met yesterday. They are under budget this year. They are selling Christmas trees as a fundraiser. They bought 500 trees and only have 42 left. They also purchased new electric stretchers. They are requesting if they can have an old police car for their use. There is a portion of the parking lot that gets icy and would like to see if that can be addressed.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

No report

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Paster said that the PILOT agreement and Developer's agreement are not ready for action yet. We received the appraisal from the appraiser for the car wash property and requested to advise whether we are interested.

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

#16-260 Bills List *

#16-261 Transfer of Appropriations *

#16-262 Chapter 159-Clean Communities Grant- \$36,220.10 *

#16-263 Authorization to Advertise for CFO *

#16-264 Award of Quote-Emergency Notification Services to Nixle-\$3,500 annually *

#16-265 Approval of RSC Architects' Proposal for Municipal Building/Police Station-not to exceed \$6,000 *

#16-266 Appointment of Catherine Romeo as Registrar *

#16-267 Approval of the Dumont Police Department Hosting Two College Interns *

#16-268 Cancellation of Capital Receivables *

#16-269 Authorization of Appraisal of 11 W. Quackenbush and 19 W. Quackenbush Avenue-not to exceed \$5,000 *

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

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

1. Lynne Vietri, 41 Wilkens Drive, asked what property #265 is referring to and are the properties in #269 part of Borough Hall. The response was 50 Washington Avenue and the properties in #269 would be taken into consideration. Ms. Vietri asked whether the car wash property is still being considered. The Mayor said the majority of the Council is no longer considering it.

2. Tom Gorman, 46 Wilcox Street, asked about a check to Biaggio's restaurant in the amount of \$4,720. The response was that it was for a football dinner. It's not Borough money.

3. deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, questioned resolution #263. Why is there no resignation from the current CFO if the Borough is advertising for a new one? The Mayor replied that they are looking for someone with CFO qualifications to assume some of Mr. Herr's workload. Dr. deLyon said that when Mr. Herr was hired at \$155,000 per year they were assured that they would be saving money and receiving quality services. Is Mr. Herr's salary being reduced? There are no specifics in the resolution. Has Battaglia Associates been working in the borough this year and if so, how much are they being paid? Mr. Herr replied that they are being paid \$15,000 to do the bank reconciliations, which were in such disarray that it was felt they were needed at this time.

Dr. deLyon stated that in his opinion if the person hired can't handle the job, he should be fired.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Councilwoman Correa said her interpretation differs from the Mayor. It is that they are advertising for a CFO, taking away the CFO position from Mr. Herr and renegotiating his contract. Mr. Herr said that for the record he is the one who suggested this.

Councilman Di Paolo stated that there are very few CFO's available.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Di Paolo, Morrell, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

ORDINANCES

Second Reading

ORDINANCE #1510

An ordinance authorizing the extension for two additional years and execution of lease extension for office space on real property known as portions of lot 16 in block 825 on the tax map of the Borough of Dumont also known as 80 West Madison Avenue, within the borough to allow for temporary relocation of municipal offices, excluding the police department and municipal court sessions

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

There was no discussion from the Council.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Di Paolo, Morrell, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

ORDINANCE #1511

An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 108 Section 17 of the Borough of Dumont Code entitled "Alcoholic Beverages-Prohibited Hours of Sale"

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor?

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman Morrell

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Di Paolo, Morrell, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

Councilwoman Correa- no

ORDINANCE #1512

An ordinance amending Chapter 182-3 entitled 'Street Openings' of the revised general ordinances of the Borough of Dumont, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman Morrell

All in favor.

There was no discussion from the Council.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Di Paolo, Morrell, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

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

Second: Councilman Di Paolo

All in favor.

1. Lynne Vietri, 41 Wilkens Drive, asked if there are any court hearings for declaratory judgment or farm rollback. Mr. Paster responded no to the court hearings and doesn't believe there is anything scheduled for the rollback. Ms. Vietri asked about the overlay zones. Mr. Paster said he is waiting for comments from the Fair Share Housing Center. Ms. Vietri asked why the settlement number was higher than the Kinsey's number. Mr. Paster stated the website isn't updated. Ms. Vietri asked the cost savings in sharing a building with Bergenfield? Would they go to shared services? The Mayor responded there is one construction cost, energy savings, etc. Eventually we should be sharing services, not necessarily with Bergenfield; otherwise, towns like Dumont will go bankrupt. Councilman Di Paolo added that sharing a building with Bergenfield would mean one court chamber, one sallie port and one main lobby so there would be shared space. It also means in the future some departments could be shared.

2. Chris Sheridan, Wilkens Street, asked Councilman Di Paolo if he would like to see Dumont part of a larger, regional municipality. The Councilman replied that it should be explored. Mr. Sheridan asked for more detail on the bills list in the future. He asked about Resolution #248 revised. Section 9B references Exhibit A but it isn't included. Are you going to agree to the settlement before passing the ordinance? Mr. Paster explained that Exhibit A isn't developed yet. It will ultimately be in the ordinance. It is an integral part as to how the settlement comes to fruition. It has to adopted and passed by the court. The settlement has to be approved before the ordinance is adopted.

3. Tom Gorman, 46 Wilcox Street, asked since RSC will be designing a building at 50 Washington Avenue, does that mean we're not going to Bergenfield? The Mayor said he spoke to Bergenfield's mayor who said they are now looking into rehabilitating their building before they decide. RSC will be doing plans for knocking the building down

and starting over. Mr. Gorman asked Mr. Herr if he had met with the road department and building department. Mr. Herr said he had met with Mr. Slaman, chair of the Shade Tree Commission. Mayor Kelly said they are looking into how other towns handle things. Mr. Gorman said the DPW did a great job with the leaves but should have put down brine prior to the recent snow. Putting down brine is cheaper than paying the men overtime.

Councilwoman Correa made a motion for the Borough to readvertise for a planner.
Councilman Riquelme seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Di Paolo, Morrell, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter closed session to discuss:
Negotiations-DPW, Personnel-Police and Personnel-CFO

Motion: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Di Paolo, Morrell, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

Mayor Kelly announced that Reorganization will be held at the Senior Center January 3rd.

Following closed session, motion to go back into public: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Di Paolo

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Di Paolo

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC
Municipal Clerk