

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
SINE DIE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2022
SINE DIE: DECEMBER 22, 2021
6:00 PM**

Mayor LaBruno 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 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, Facebook, Borough Hall and published in the Record and Ridgewood News.

Roll Call:

Council members Chae, Gorman, Harvilla, Rossillo - present

Englese, Stewart - absent

Mayor Andrew LaBruno-present

Motion to accept the agenda as presented: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Motion to turn the clock back to December 22, 2021: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the November 23, 2021 Public meeting minutes: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilman Chae

Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Harvilla, Rossillo – yes; Gorman – abstain

Motion to approve the December 22, 2021 Executive meeting minutes: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilman Chae

Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Gorman, Harvilla, Rossillo - 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

#21-297 – Bills List *

#21-298 – Transfer of Budget Appropriations *

Motion to open to the public for comments on the Consent Agenda only: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilman Harvilla

All in favor.

1. Bruce deLyon, Beacon Street, had questions on the bills list and the balance of Bond #1519, and on the budget transfers.
2. Lily Binnie, State College, PA, (caller disconnected)

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Gorman

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilman Chae

Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Gorman, Harvilla, Rossillo - yes

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

Second: Councilman Harvilla

All in favor.

1. Mary Normoyle, Randolph Avenue, commented on the number of meetings scheduled this year and the new professionals being appointed. She asked Councilman Harvilla about his opinion on overdevelopment.
2. Lily Binnie, State College, PA, commented about a Dumont resident, who is also a videographer, livestreaming town events and meetings.
3. Maryanne Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, thanked Councilman Chae for everything he did.
4. Jennifer Winant, Magnolia Avenue, asked if town has indemnification insurance regarding OPRA's and wouldn't town be held responsible?

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Harvilla

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Administrator Tully stated the \$44,000 was related to the flood damage in July. The individual who offered their livestreaming services for free was primarily for town events. We do have the equipment here at Borough Hall to livestream the meetings. Unfortunately, it did require a specific fix by JCT and Dart Computer. Based on communications yesterday, it should be up and running when we return to in person meetings.

Attorney Leibman commented on the penalties that can be imposed upon the Clerk if OPRA's are not answered properly. There are also attorney fees that get imposed upon

the public entity that failed to produce the documents. The Government Records Council in Trenton has their common law on their website. However, the GRC's decisions are not always upheld in higher courts. It's a very complicated area. The Clerk is responsible for the fines, but the town is responsible for the legal fees.

Councilman Harvilla is looking to create a balance and comprehensive approach to the overall impact of the Economic Development Committee and the Joint Land Use Board in concert with our financial needs with fiscal requirements and infrastructure improvements, as well as existing and future master plans for the Borough of Dumont. It encompasses complex economic, logistical and environmental issues.

Councilman Chae wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated it's been an honor and pleasure to serve the town of Dumont as a Council person for the past three years. The first year was a learning curve, through the pandemic and the final year. He wishes the new council members nothing but great success. He will still be serving the town as much as he can.

Mayor LaBruno thanked Councilman Chae and Councilman Englese for their service and for the past three years.

Councilwoman Rossillo congratulated everyone on Sunday's Swearing-In Ceremony. She apologized for not attending, as her family was ill, but is thankfully all recovering now. She wishes everyone the best. The Councilwoman welcomed the new Council members, Mary and John aboard. She thanked all of the police officers and members of the fire department for their service.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Chae
Second: Councilman Gorman
All in favor.

The Sine Die meeting ended at 6:37pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Jeanine E. Siek, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date: January 6, 2022 (sine die December 22, 2021)