

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2015
6:30 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order

Flag Salute

Invocation: Ken Florio, Dumont Fire Department Chaplain

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 public Reorganization meeting in a notice sent to *The Record* and *The Ridgewood News*, filed with the Borough of Dumont, and posted on the Dumont website and the official bulletin board.

General Election Municipal Results:

The Certification of Election, dated November 17, 2014, was received by the Municipal Clerk:

Matthew Hayes-2,261 votes

Donald Morrell-2,203 votes

Peter Musse-2,037 votes

Kenneth Melamed-2,000 votes

Assemblyman Robert Auth administered the Oath of Office to Matthew Hayes, Councilman

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Roll Call: Council members Correa, Hayes, Manna, Morrell, Riquelme, Zamechansky-present

Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

Mayor Kelly requested that Resolution #15-01 be voted upon first in order to swear in the newly elected Fire Department Chiefs.

Motion: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to adopt Resolution #15-01: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Hayes

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

Mayor Kelly administered the Oath of Office to Chief Matthew Banta
Mayor Kelly administered the Oath of Office to Assistant Chief Glenn Byrd
Mayor Kelly administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Chief Brian McGoldrick

Mayor Kelly recognized Senator Cardinale who was supposed to administer one of the Oath of Office, but arrive late.
Mayor Kelly called for a five minute recess.

The Governing Body thanked Bill Brophy for his dedication and service the past three years as councilman.

Mayor Kelly stated that there are several issues facing the Governing Body, among which is to decide which course of action would be best to establish a new borough hall. The D'Angelo Farm litigation is still pending. Another concern is flood insurance; residents are paying insurance although they don't have flooding issues. There was a meeting with FEMA at the County today. Taxes are always an issue; shared services are always being explored.

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 Manna requested that Resolutions #4, #16, #19, #20 and #30 be moved to non-consent.

Councilman Hayes requested that Resolutions #3, #6, #12 and #43 be moved to non-consent.

RESOLUTIONS

- #15-02 Adoption of By-laws for the year 2015 *
- #15-05 Approval of Mayor and Council 2015 Meeting Dates *
- #15-07 Appointment of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins as Borough Auditor for 2015 *
- #15-08 Appointment of John Hudak, Esq. as Borough Bond Counsel for 2015 *
- #15-09 Appointment of Brown & Brown as Risk Manager for the year 2015 *
- #15-10 Appointment of Remington & Vernick Engineers as Borough Engineers for the year 2015 *
- #15-11 Reappointment of Larry Bongard as Recycling Coordinator for 2015 *
- #15-13 Appointment of Arcari and Iovino as Borough Architect for the year 2015 *
- #15-14 Appointment of Connolly and Hickey as Borough Historic Architect for 2015 *
- #15-15 Appointment of Boggia and Boggia as Borough Tax Appeal Attorney for 2015 *
- #15-17 Appointment of Breslin & Breslin as Prosecutor for the year 2015 *
- #15-18 Appointment of Louis DeAngelis, Esq. as Public Defender for the year 2015 *
- #15-21 Appointment of Alaimo Group, Boswell Engineering, Brooker Engineering, CME, H2M, Remington & Vernick and T&M Associates as Special Projects Engineers for the year 2015 *

- #15-22 Appointment of McNerney & Associates as Borough Tax Appraiser for 2015 *
- #15-23 Donald Holdsworth, Esq.-Reappointment as Municipal Judge *
- #15-24 Approval of Petty Cash Account *
- #15-25 Approval of Municipal Court Cash Account *
- #15-26 Participation in New Jersey State Cash Management Fund *
- #15-27 Establishment of Delinquent Tax Rate/Penalties *
- #15-28 Authorization of Investment of Idle Funds *
- #15-29 Designation of Official Depositories *
- #15-31 Approval of Payroll Account *
- #15-32 Approval of Membership in the NJ League of Municipalities*
- #15-33 Approval of Membership in the Bergen County League of Municipalities *
- #15-34 Fire Department Interborough Mutual Aid *
- #15-35 Fire Department Mutual Aid with Oradell, New Milford and River Edge *
- #15-36 Reappointment of John Perkins as Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner and Mary Winner as Alternate JIF Commissioner for the year 2015 *
- #15-37 Reappointment of John Perkins as Affirmative Action, Public Agency Compliance Officer for the year 2015 *
- #15-38 Reappointment of John Perkins as Clean Communities Coordinator for 2015 *
- #15-39 John Pampaloni, Jr.-Reappointment as Wastewater Consultant for 2015 *
- #15-40 Approval of Block Party, Street Closing and Live Entertainment Applications *
- #15-41 Approval of Volunteer Tuition Credit Program *
- #15-42 Designation of the Borough's Official Newspapers *
- #15-44 Coleman Szely-Reappointment as Rent Leveling Board Alternate Tenant Representative *
- #15-45 Joseph Woska-Reappointment as Rent Leveling Board Tenant Representative *

Motion to open to the public on Consent Agenda: 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 Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

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

Non-Consent Items

#15-03 Appointment of Gregg Paster, Esq. as Borough Attorney for the year 2015

Councilman Hayes stated that his biggest concern was that since Mr. Paster is a councilman in a neighboring town, there would be a conflict of interest if Dumont was considering shared services with that town. He also does not think Mr. Paster would have enough time to devote to Dumont since he is a councilman. He pointed out that Mr. Paster has raised his rate from last year.

Mr. Paster responded that he has been on the Council since 2013, having been the choice of a Republican majority to fill a vacancy. He had actually been the Borough

attorney of Demarest and Dumont when a Shade Tree shared service was initiated, and it was not a problem. Mr. Paster agreed to charge last year's rate of \$140.

Motion to adopt Resolution **#15-03**: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Manna

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

Council members Hayes and Morrell-no

#15-04 Appointment of Councilman Matthew Hayes as Council President for 2015

Councilman Manna stated that the position of Council President is the Council's choice. He had asked for support from the council members. Former Council President Zamechansky had communicated this to the Mayor. The Mayor felt that Councilman Hayes would be a good Council President. He said, however, the Council could vote to make Councilman Manna president. Councilwoman Zamechansky stated that this put Councilman Hayes in an embarrassing situation. Councilwoman Correa feels they should be working as a team and there should be better communication. Mayor Kelly promised to be more communicative in the future.

Mayor Kelly asked for nominations for Council president: Councilwoman Correa nominated Councilman Manna; seconded by Councilman Riquelme

The Mayor asked if there were any other nominations: Councilman Morrell nominated Councilman Hayes; seconded by Councilman Hayes

Roll call vote for Councilman Manna as Council President: Council members Correa, Manna, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

Council members Hayes and Morrell-no

#15-06 Appointment of Council Committees for the year 2015

Councilman Hayes would like to be Chairman of the Recreation Commission committee. Councilwoman Correa would like the resolution to remain as is with her as Chairperson. Councilwoman Zamechansky told Councilman Hayes she would keep him informed.

Motion to adopt: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

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

#15-12 Appointment of Chasan Leyner & Lamparello as Borough Labor Attorney for the year 2015

Councilman Hayes would like to appoint Wiss & Bouregy. He is not a fan of the current Labor attorney.

Motion to adopt: Council members Correa, Manna, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Hayes-no

Councilman Morrell-abstain

#15-16 Appointment of Ronald Mondello, Esq. as Borough Special Counsel for 2015

Mr. Mondello was the only one who submitted an RFQ for Special Counsel. Councilman Manna stated that Mr. Mondello is a one-man office and he has concerns about his availability if the Borough needs him. The Mayor pointed out that Mr. Mondello would be named as special counsel but would not necessarily use him.

Motion to adopt: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Morrell

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

#15-19 Appointment of H2M as Borough Planner for the year 2015

#15-20 Appointment of H2M as Borough COAH Planner for 2015

Councilman Riquelme stated that he has reached out to H2M to set up a meeting to speak with them to make sure they are knowledgeable as Planner and COAH Planner.

Motion to table **#15-19** and **#15-20**: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Resolutions #19 and #20 tabled by affirmation.

#15-30 Adoption of 2015 Temporary Municipal Budget

Councilman Hayes explained that this gives the Borough the ability to legally pay bills.

Motion: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

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

#15-43 Authorization of Advertisement for RFQ's for Financial Advisor and Arbitrage Rebate Compliance Consultant

Councilman Hayes asked for clarification. Mr. Paster explained that this is federally mandated. The Financial Advisor must be in place exclusive of the Borough Auditor and Bond Counsel. The Arbitrage Rebate Consultant is a separate position where there is a continuing debt disclosure requirement. Both could be handled by the same firm.

Motion to adopt: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

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

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

1. Mitchell Buchheister, 39 Cedar Road, asked why H2M would be approved as Borough Special Projects Engineers but the resolutions appointing them as Planners were tabled.

2. Christopher Snell, 84 Franklin Street, asked Mr. Paster if he could lower his fee, which he had already agreed to. Mr. Snell feels there should be an interview process for RFQ appointments.

3. Betty Krystiniak, 569 Prospect Avenue, suggested paying taxes online and videotaping Council meetings.

4. Steven Martinez, 523 Prospect Avenue, asked if this is where the meetings will held. Is there a jail in the Police trailers? The Mayor responded there is a holding cell.

5. Bill Brophy, 33 Cresskill Avenue, thanked everyone for their compliments and expressed his support of police.

6. Tim Hickey, Randolph Avenue, asked that the decisions made for Resolutions #19 and #20 be given significant consideration.

7. Richard McLaughlin, 358 Prospect Avenue, expressed concern about the CSX trains and the dangers the oil tankers present if the train went off the tracks. He also suggested a community garden.

Councilwoman Zamechansky announced that January 13th is the kickoff for “Relay for Life”. It will be held at the high school at 6:30PM.

Councilman Manna stated that the Borough has been sued by the land developer and there have been issues with property maintenance at D’Angelo’s. He recommended if the property becomes available, the Governing Body participate in acquiring it. This way the Borough will have control of the future of that development.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk