

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.  
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES  
JUNE 3, 2015  
6:30 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

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-present  
Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

**ADMINISTRATOR PERKINS' REPORT**

We met with people from DEP and FEMA Region 2. We met their standards for application to CRS. The CRS special agent received the letter of good standing and is willing to schedule a meeting to discuss the CRS application.

The Clean Communities grant for \$31,000 has been received.

The Memorial Parade went very well. Joe Frank was the Grand Marshall.

After the last meeting, Mr. Perkins called the County to inspect the current Borough Hall for ADA compliance. Jim Thurby, the Director of Disability Services, said the concern is that we make a reasonable accommodation in a temporary facility to address ADA issues. With the signage, the bell and handicap spaces he said we met those accommodations. He did say we should put a piece of molding along the garage door. At the Department Head meeting this morning, we spoke of putting in an automatic garage door opener.

PAGE from PSE&G is a grant to assist families in paying utility bills. If there is a family of three making less than \$88, 617 they can apply for an outright grant of up to \$1400.

Christian Baierwalter is currently attending the CSX seminar.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Councilwoman Correa

She will give her report at the next meeting.

- Councilman Hayes

*Joint Land Use Board*

They met May 26<sup>th</sup>. The minor subdivision on 381 W. Madison Avenue was approved. The Cingular Tower application was postponed until the June 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Cumberland Farms withdrew their application for revamping the Gulf Station.

Councilman Hayes publicly thanked the high school for their Veterans' Memorial Program. They did a phenomenal job.

- Councilman Manna

He also attended the High School Memorial Day ceremony. He congratulated the Board of Ed., High School and Superintendent for reinforcing the concept of patriotism and citizenship.

- Councilman Morrell

*Shade Tree Commission*

June 6<sup>th</sup> is the "Ride the Rails" event.

*Board of Health*

They approved their minutes at the last meeting.

- Councilman Riquelme

He will give his report at the next meeting

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Relay for Life will be held this Friday 6PM-6AM at the High School.

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Alfred Egenhofer, Esq. sat in for Mr. Paster tonight.

He reported that Mr. Paster assisted the Police Department and Borough Clerk with several public records requests. There were numerous requests for various information, some of which is not public record and others too general or not specific enough for legitimate requests.

Some further revisions need to be made to the police hiring ordinance. The Police Committee or Ordinance committee should schedule a meeting.

Regarding Landmark litigation-the declaratory judgment action seeking a judgment of compliance with the third round affordable housing obligations is due to be filed on July 7.

It is their understanding that the Land Use Board has adopted the Area in Need of Redevelopment study on the 50 Washington Avenue property and that a recommendation will be forthcoming shortly.

A resolution has been prepared for tonight to award Depew Phase III paving project with alternate 2 only.

The bids for the Solid Waste came in over 26% higher than the prior contract. We are reserving a recommendation as of now. The bids are valid for 60 days from the bid date.

## **General Order of Business**

*Public Hearing on the 2015 Municipal Budget Amendment*

Councilman Riquelme asked if the one time revenue from FEMA listed on the amendment is the final reimbursement. Mr. Perkins responded that we still have \$300,000 coming to us.

Councilman Manna asked if there has been discussion with the Board of Education regarding payment so that we don't run into a problem again. Mr. Perkins said that the Board will accept partial payment within days of each other.

Councilwoman Correa stated for the public that \$45 of the \$88 increase was due to emergency appropriations from 2014. Otherwise, the increase would only have been about \$43.

Motion to open to the public on the amendment: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Morrell

All in favor.

**#15-142** Adoption of the 2015 Municipal Budget

Motion to adopt: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Morrell

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

**#15-143** Approval of Block Party on Hickory Street June 27, 2015 \*

**#15-144** Approval of Block Party on Dixon Avenue June 20, 2015 \*

**#15-145** Approval of St. Mary's Church Philippine-American Calendar Raffle, ID#109-1-471, RL#431 \*

**#15-146** Support of Crude-By-Rail Safety Act \*

**#15-147** Support of Participation in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program \*

**#15-148** Award of Bid for Depew Street III Street Improvements-\$193,144.70 \*

**#15-149** Thomas Pfiesser-Approval as Full Membership Status Firefighter \*

**#15-150** Andrew Gluckman-Approval as Full Membership Status Firefighter \*

**#15-151** Debra Mati-Hire as Full-time Tax Clerk-\$35,000 annually \*

**#15-152** Debra Mati-Hire as Joint Land Use Board Clerk \*

**#15-153** Estimated Tax Bills-Authorization \*

Councilwoman Zamechansky asked that resolution #151 be revised. Ms. Mati is not getting benefits. The Municipal Clerk will revise the resolution to state "no benefits".

Councilwoman Correa asked what the stipend would be if there is no Joint Land Use Board meeting. Mr. Perkins responded that if the prep work has been done for a meeting that is cancelled, the amount to be paid to the Board clerk would be \$75.00. If there is no meeting and no preparation for the meeting the stipend would be "0". The Municipal Clerk will revise the resolution as such.

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

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the consent agenda contingent upon previously stated revisions made to #151 and #152: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

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

## **ORDINANCE**

### *Second Reading*

**#1490** Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements in the Borough of Dumont, Bergen County, New Jersey appropriating \$515,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance \$490,475 in bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof.

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Morrell

All in favor.

There was no discussion from the public.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Morrell

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

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

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

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

1. Bill Linder, 18 Blanche Court, has had issues with baseballs flying into his yard since the backstop was moved. He spoke to the Recreation Commission but they have not responded. Mr. Perkins responded that he has spoken to the Recreation Director and DPW Superintendent, who said they plan to raise the net at least ten feet.

2. Jackie Corless, 52 Larch, asked if the website could give information about the updates on Borough Hall. Is there a deadline for research on Borough Hall and the plans, especially with the D'Angelo property? She knows the answer is usually that it's in litigation but asked if the Council has researched anything with what's going on with Borough Hall and D'Angelo's. Mayor Kelly responded that they have been in contact with the developer and there are things that can't be discussed. Landmark might present a proposal but it's very preliminary. Everyone is looking at the lowest impact on taxpayers. Ms. Corless asked if it would be for the overall benefit for the town in the

long run. Is eminent domain an option? The Mayor responded there is no conclusion yet. Landmark has not given any written proposals.

3. John Chiaia is the attorney for Smentkowski, the Borough's solid waste hauler. They submitted a bid at a good price. The company has granted the Borough an extension until the end of July. Smentkowski assumed the contract two years ago from a prior bidder. They honored the contract of the former hauler. That bid was so low that the previous company went out of business. Although their bid is over 26% higher than the very low previous contract, he cited examples in which bids were rejected and the new bids were even higher. The costs are going up due to Obama care, tire costs, truck costs, worker's comp. and labor costs.

Councilman Manna stated that he and Councilman Hayes have been talking about doing forward budget projections of at least two or three years. This is a prime example.

Motion to close: Councilwoman Zamechansky  
Second: Councilman Morrell  
All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Manna  
Second: Councilman Morrell  
All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC  
Municipal Clerk