

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

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:32PM

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.

Alfred Egenhofer, Esq. is present in Mr. Paster's absence.

**Roll Call:**

Council members Correa, Di Paolo, Hayes, Morrell, Riquelme, Zamechansky-present  
Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Morrell

All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the August 11, 2016 Special Meeting and Closed Session minutes:

Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Hayes

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

Council members Riquelme and Zamechansky-abstained

Motion to approve the August 16, 2016 Public Meeting and Closed Session minutes:

Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Morrell

Council members Di Paolo, Hayes, Morrell-yes

Council members Riquelme and Zamechansky-abstained

Councilwoman Correa-no

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

Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Hayes

Council members Di Paolo, Hayes, Morrell, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

Councilwoman Correa-no

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Thanks to Bill Brophy and his wife, Maryann Russini, Gerry Aponte, Tony Como and Councilman Morrell for all their work on Dumont Day.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

No Report

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Councilwoman Correa

### *Ambulance Corps*

The Councilwoman attended their meeting. They will be celebrating 80 years of service. They have supplied CO2 monitors to their staff as well as the Police Department. They have donated a device that is put on someone if they are having a heart attack, which pumps automatically. They will also be starting selling Christmas trees.

### *Board of Education*

The Councilwoman attended the BOE meeting. All the principals gave presentations about their schools-the upgrades and new programs.

- Councilman Di Paolo

### *Shade Tree Commission*

They will be participating in the State Shade Tree meeting. They will also be planting over thirty trees throughout town in October.

- Councilman Hayes

### *Ordinance Committee*

They are working on revising the Police Hiring ordinance in addition to some other others.

- Councilman Morrell

### *Recreation*

The Councilman attended the work session. Their minutes will be up to date by Monday. Flag Football, Junior Football and Cheerleading started. Gerry Tonner will be returning as Recreation Chairman on October 15<sup>th</sup>. They elected Gerry Aponte as Vice-chair. Tony Como was hired as the new Recreation Director.

- Councilman Riquelme

No report

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

### *Senior Citizens*

The Mayor's luncheon will be held October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### *Police Department*

The PBA Committee will be meeting with the Police Committee to resume talks about their contract.

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

No Report

**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**

**#16-204** Bills List \*

**#16-205** Ryan Tuck-Hire as DPW Certified Tree Expert/Truck Driver/Laborer-\$62,000 annually \*

**#16-206** Steven Pavone-Hire as DPW Truck Driver/Laborer-\$25,500 annually \*

**#16-207** Steven Spina-Hire as DPW Truck Driver/Laborer-\$25,500 annually \*

**#16-208** Terance Baierwalter-Hire as DPW Truck Driver/Laborer-\$25,500 annually \*  
Councilwoman Zamechansky stated for the record that we are hiring four DPW to replace four who have left.

**#16-209** Affirmation of the Borough of Dumont's Civil Rights Policy \*

**#16-210** Debra Mati-Salary Increase-Added Work Responsibilities-additional \$10,000 annually \*

**#16-211** Appointment of Donna Pleus to the Board of Health \*

**#16-212** Appointment of Ada Aguilar to the Board of Health \*

**#16-213** Roosevelt Avenue Award of Bid \*

**#16-214** Lt. Francis Gagliardi-Acceptance of Retirement-\$115,192.00 \*

Motion to open to the public on the consent agenda and general comments: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

1. Judy Parker, 55 Susan Drive, Closter has an issue with a shade tree which is uprooting the sidewalk and posing a trip and fall hazard on 103 Washington Avenue property. Her insurance is being cancelled. She wants the slab lifted, roots removed and slab replaced. The Mayor will speak to Mr. Slaman and the building department.

2. Carl Manna, 108 Harding Avenue, asked about the payout in Resolution #214 and if money was set aside for retiring employees. The Mayor said there are four payouts over four years. Retiring employees will be taken into consideration in next year's budget.

3. Daniel Roel, 126 Howard Street. asked who the person was sitting next to the Mayor. The Mayor responded that he works in Gregg Paster's office. Mr. Paster could not make the meeting tonight.

4. Bruce deLyon, 67 Beacon St., asked the status of his request for a presentation on plans for a municipal and police building. The Mayor replied that there are many issues to consider, including bonding. There are other options: the owner of the current temporary borough hall would like to sell; we are awaiting a price on 30 E. Madison Avenue, which is alongside borough-owned property; the 50 Washington Avenue site and the joint venture with Bergenfield. He confirmed that the residents will have an understanding of the plans prior to them being on the agenda. Dr. deLyon questioned why public participation was reduced. He had previously asked that four or five copies of all resolutions be provided at the meetings. The Mayor said they would be provided.

5. Gerry Gise, 53 Overlook Drive, said the salary offered to the arborist is a good one.

6. Tom Gorman, 46 Wilcox, asked who's responsibility it is if the town removes a tree and stump but leaves the sidewalk high. The sidewalk problem was caused by the tree. Years ago the town would lift the slab, remove the roots and put the slab back or

replace the slab. The Mayor replied that sidewalks are the responsibility of the homeowners. He will speak to the Shade Tree chairman and Steve at the Building Department. Mr. Herr stated that many similar problems have arisen and we have to come to a solution that will protect the trees and the homeowners, as well. Mr. Gorman asked if the Dumont-Bergenfield joint venture would go to referendum and there should be a committee comprised of residents and members of the Mayor and Council and minutes taken.

7. Michael Sullivan, 125 Andover Avenue, is concerned about the lack of parking if the municipal parking lot is used for the police department. He feels that moving our municipal building to Bergenfield will cause a lot of problems. We get nothing from the agreement with Landmark. He blames Gregg Paster and John Perkins and the Council who followed them.

8. Linda Fusco, 45 Harwick Road, doesn't want to join Bergenfield. She is concerned about the environment and toxins once work begins at D'Angelo's; who is doing the study and who is overseeing. She wrote the Council emails and did not receive a response from everyone. She filed another official complaint with the EPA.

9. Lili Binney, 32 Roxbury Road, spoke of shared services and is looking forward to information for Councilman Di Paolo. She asked if the JLUB has received the redevelopment plan for D'Angelo's Farm yet. Can they actually change anything? The Mayor said they have the plan and their meeting is scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup>. To his knowledge the Board will not be able to change anything. Ms. Binney has concerns about the rollback taxes. Did D'Angelo's pay the August taxes? Mr. Herr said that he believes they were paid. The rollback taxes are currently in the courts.

10. John Sansone, 119 Beacon Street, asked if 50 Washington Avenue is still in play.

11. Tom Kelly, 70 Beacon Street, asked the cost of the microsealing project. Mr. Herr replied that it cost approximately \$99,800. The cost for milling and paving would have been \$1,027,000, not including engineering and sidewalk repairs. Mr. Kelly asked about the bond ordinance. There was surveying done for the one acre parcel of the farm and he believes they cracked the sidewalk of the house across the street. He brought up issues concerning demolition of 50 Washington Avenue and feels the building should not be destroyed. He is concerned about bonding, buying another property and removing a commercial property from the tax rolls.

12. Pete Fusco, 42 Harwick Road, said everyone but Barbara sold them out. They had submitted petitions and come to meetings and the Mayor and Council didn't listen to them.

13. Randy Ramos, 7 Washington Court, said the owner of 183 Brook Street built a driveway through Washington Court. He removed a tree. He read a letter, which he sent to some officials in May. He did not get a response. He doesn't know if permits were obtained. The case is currently in the courts.

Motion to close: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Morrell

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

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter closed session to discuss potential litigation-personnel.

Motion: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Morrell

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

Following closed session, motion to return to public: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Morrell

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk

