

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 27, 2017
6:30 PM**

Council President Manna called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

Flag Salute, Moment of Silence

SUNSHINE LAW: This special meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law. Notices of this meeting were sent to the *Record* and the *Ridgewood News*. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call:

Council members: Correa (via phone), Di Paolo (arrive at 6:40PM), Geist (arrived at 6:35PM), President Manna, Morrell, Riquelme-yes
Mayor James J. Kelly-absent

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

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

Hearing on the Open Space Grant Application

President Manna stated that the application has been posted on the website.

Borough Administrator Herr stated that this is an application for the Bergen County Open Space grant for work to be done at Memorial Park on Pershing Street. It involves basketball and baseball fields and the playground. The existing wood chips and mulch would be replaced with a new synthetic play surface at various playground equipment at the park. The purpose would be to make the field a little safer for the kids, stop weeds from growing and in the long run cheaper because the mulch has to be replaced every year. The ballfields' work would consist of removal of existing fences and gates at two ballfields and replacement with new fencing and gates at the same locations and replacement of a backstop. In addition, the third part of this application would be the basketball courts, which would consist of removal of the three existing courts, pavement and replacement with three new paved courts. The total amount of the projects we are asking for is \$313,550. The grant would be \$156,775. We have to have this hearing, the resolution has to be passed and the application has to be submitted by June 30th. Hopefully, we will receive the full amount. We have two years to complete the project.

Councilman Morrell stated that Gina's Field also needs work. President Manna wanted assurance that paperwork is being prepared.

1. Maryann Russini, 141 Roosevelt, said that she is a Recreation Commissioner. Commissioner Papetti and Director Como are spearheading Gina's Field with her and have spoken to Girls' Softball. They want to do the job the right way.

Councilwoman Correa stated that some of Bond Ordinance #1380 from 2009, which still has \$246,000 in it, could be used for Gina's Field. She thanked FARM'd for making the Council aware that this Open Space Grant was available.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Geist

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

1. Lili Binney, 32 Roxbury Road, suggested that a grant should be applied for in the future for Gina's Field.

2. Liz Marchese, 235 Larch Avenue, hopes Gina's Field gets fixed. She's happy to see the items that were applied for in this application. She would like to see a bandstand applied for in the future. Councilman Morrell said Recreation would have to figure out a space for it at the park.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor

RESOLUTION

#17-169 Trust Fund Endorsing Resolution-\$156,775 matching grant

Motion to adopt: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Di Paolo, Geist, Morrell, Riquelme, President Mannayes

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman Morrell

All in favor.

1. Liz Marchese, 235 Larch Avenue, asked how many bond ordinances are still open. Mr. Herr will email Ms. Marchese that information and information she has requested in the past.

2. Lili Binney, 32 Roxbury Road, spoke on behalf of Tom Kelly to reiterate his request to have access to the old borough hall since he has not yet heard from the Mayor yet. President Manna said to have him set up a day and time with Mr. Herr. Referring to the Open Space Grant, Ms. Binney accused Mr. Paster of being less than truthful.

3. Tom Gorman, 46 Wilcox, asked if borough hall has a burglar alarm. We should look into it.

4. Mary Normoyle, 106 Randolph, asked when the minutes will be on the website. How long are the tapes retained? When do the residents get to approve the minutes? When was the last time tapes were applied for destruction?

5. Michael Sullivan, Andover Avenue, said every organization he's been in, the minutes are approved the next meeting.

Motion to close to public: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Councilwoman Correa questioned Councilman Morrell on where the \$1500 funds would be coming from to pay for the container for Recreation. She feels the Council should know about money being spent prior to spending. Councilman Morrell checked with the Administrator, who

said there was money for it. President Manna said there is a process-the finance committee should be advised.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter closed session to discuss:

Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property with Public Funds

Personnel-Administrator

Litigation-Finance, Building Department

Negotiations-DPW

Personnel-CFO

Motion: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman Morrell

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

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

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to adopt **Resolution #170**-Resolution Ratifying Mayor Kelly's Signature on Preliminary Notices of Discipline Dated May 31, 2017: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

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

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Geist

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk