

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
SENIOR CENTER  
MARCH 20, 2018  
6:30 PM**

Mayor Kelly 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 date, time and place of this public meeting. Notice was sent to *The Record* and *The Ridgewood News*, filed with the Borough of Dumont, and posted on the Borough website and the official bulletin board.

Motion to move on Resolution #18-92 Approval of Lisa Rossillo to fill Councilwoman Correa's vacancy: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members LaBruno, Manna, Riquelme, Stewart-yes

Oath of Office was administered to Lisa Rossillo by Mayor Kelly

**Roll Call:**

Council members: Di Paolo (arrived at 6:35PM), LaBruno, Manna, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart-present

Mayor James Kelly-present

Borough Attorney Lafferty is present.

There was a brief recess.

Derek from the County Executive's office presented Councilwoman Rossillo with a congratulatory proclamation.

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the February 20, 2018 Executive Meeting and Closed Session minutes: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilman Manna

Roll call vote: Di Paolo, LaBruno, Manna, Riquelme, Stewart-yes

Councilwoman Rossillo-abstained

Motion to approve the March 6, 2018 Closed Session minutes: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Di Paolo

Roll call vote: Di Paolo, LaBruno, Manna, Riquelme, Stewart-yes

Councilwoman Rossillo-abstained

## **Mayor's Report**

The Mayor will let Councilman LaBruno report on a meeting they had with Garden Homes.

## **Administrator's Report**

Mr. Richards has been working on a biometric timekeeping system he would like to put in place.

There was a diesel leak on Massachusetts Avenue. PSE&G cleaned it up at no charge. There was no leakage into the storm sewer system.

He met with Paramus Fair Share Housing to see what we need for our program.

The budget should be ready for introduction at the next meeting.

No invoices will be paid without proof of delivery.

## **Council Committee Reports**

- Councilman Di Paolo

### *Recreation Commission*

The Dumont Cheerleading team received a bid for Nationals in Atlantic City.

The Dumont Senior Roller Hockey team, which the Councilman coached, won the championship.

Recreation is talking about fixing up Gina's Field.

The Councilman is researching live streaming council meetings.

- Councilman LaBruno

### *DPW*

In February there were 21 sewer jobs; 14 signs repaired, 7 replaced and 2 taken down. Metal pickup on the east side: 59, west side: 92. The brooks have been cleared. There is a large number of potholes being repaired throughout town. The mechanic serviced all police cars and DPW equipment. Bill Ebenhack and the DPW are doing a great job on snow removal.

### *Building Department*

There were 497 Building inspections, 367 Electrical inspections, 57 Fire inspections, 3 mechanical inspections and 394 Plumbing inspections from July 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018.

The Councilman and Mayor Kelly met with Garden Homes today. Remediation will take another 2-3 weeks. They project demolition will commence in 4-6 weeks and should last another 4-6 weeks. They would like to start demolition on 50 Washington Avenue on July 1<sup>st</sup>. They will be grading the 22-unit parcel, which will bring the height down. The elevator is not in the plans for those units. They project that they will begin residency in fall, 2019 and be fully occupied nine months after that. They have pest abatement in place until the end of construction.

Council members Manna and Riquelme met with RSC and Cumming. They are waiting for reports from our engineers, which they have now received.

- Councilman Manna

The Councilman thanked Reverend Wing for the forum on gun violence.

### *OEM*

The Councilman will schedule a meeting with the Police Chief after the report from the County comes back.

### *Finance*

The Committee has continued to meet with Department Heads on operations and capital. The auditor received approval from DCA to introduce the budget the first meeting in April.

- Councilman Riquelme

### *Police Department*

In February there were 1,915 telephone calls for service, 76 telephone calls for medical reasons and 8 telephone calls for fires. Patrol issued 311 traffic summonses, investigated 28 motor vehicle crashes and responded to 28 burglar alarms.

### *Fire Department*

In February there were 10 activated alarms, 6 carbon monoxide incidents; total manhours were 656.

- Councilwoman Stewart

### *Library*

The BCCLS debacle is improving. The attendance at programs at the library has gone up over 50% over the past two years. She complimented the Library director.

### *Shade Tree Commission*

They ran a seminar March 5<sup>th</sup> on heritage trees, which was very well attended. They are planning “Twilight at the Gazebo”. If anyone would like to perform, let them know.

### **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**

**#18-89** Bills List \*

**#18-90** David Gluckman-Hire as Acting Fire Official-\$6,200 annually pro-rated \*

**#18-91** Carolyn Blakeman-Salary Correction \*

**#18-93** Preserve CDBG Funding for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 \*

**#18-94** Eugene Martin and Greg Kahn-Hire as DPW Seasonal Employees-\$10.00 per hour \*

**#18-95** Authorization of Appraisal of 62 Washington Avenue-not to exceed \$2,500 \*

**#18-96** Approval of Lincoln School PTO On-premise Cash Raffle Application to be held May 18, 2018; ID#109-5-30683, RL#506 \*

**#18-97** Approval of Lincoln School PTO Bingo Application to be held May 18, 2018; ID#109-5-30683, RL#505 \*

**#18-98** Approval of St. John’s Council K of C #1345 On-premise Merchandise Raffle to be held April 13, 2018; ID#109-6-7021; RL#504 \*

Motion to open to the public on consent agenda items: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the consent agenda items: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilman Manna

Roll call vote: Di Paolo, LaBruno, Manna, Riquelme, Stewart-yes

Councilwoman Rossillo-abstained

## **ORDINANCES**

### *First Reading*

**#1536** Reintroduction-An Ordinance to Amend the Borough of Dumont Municipal Code to Establish a New RP1-Redevelopment Plan 1 Zone District

Motion to waive the formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

The Mayor explained that this is actually a revised first reading.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Di Paolo, Manna, Riquelme, Stewart-yes

Councilman LaBruno-no

Councilwoman Rossillo-abstained

**#1540** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 306 of the Dumont Borough Code to Add a New Article to Establish Standards for the Registration and Maintenance of Vacant and Abandoned Residential Properties including Properties in Foreclosure

Councilwoman Stewart made a motion to pull this so that there can be further discussion on it. There are concerns about the fines as well as other questions.

Second to pull the ordinance: Councilman LaBruno

Roll call vote to pull: Council members Di Paolo, LaBruno, Manna, Riquelme, Stewart-yes

Councilwoman Rossillo-abstained.

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

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

1. Michael Sullivan, 125 Andover Avenue, asked for an explanation of Ordinance #1536 and asked where the RP1 zone is and if there will be elevators. The Mayor said that this has been discussed many times but it has to do with the settlement agreement and the overlay zone. The Municipal Clerk gave him a copy of the map. Mr. Sullivan expressed disappointment that there are no elevators in the affordable housing. It affects emergency services besides the occupants.

2. Judy Parker, 55 Susan Drive, Closter, asked if Ordinance #1540 applies to commercial and was told it does.

3. Lynne Vietri, 41, Wilkens Drive, asked about a wrestling vendor bill, which

hasn't been paid. Mr. Richards explained that the vendor hasn't submitted the proper paperwork. His response to whether 2016 and 2017 bills are still being paid was yes. Ms. Vietri asked about the status of the acquisition of the W. Quackenbush property and if Gregg will be involved in it. The Mayor replied that it will be discussed in closed session and that Gregg is involved with the negotiation.

Motion to close to public: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to go into closed session to discuss:

Purchase, Acquisition or Lease of Real Property with Public Funds

Personnel-DPW

Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law

Motion: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman LaBruno

Roll call vote: Councilmembers Di Paolo, LaBruno, Manna, Riquelme, Stewart-yes

Councilwoman Rossillo-abstained

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

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC  
Municipal Clerk