

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
GOVERNING BODY MEETING MINUTES
DUMONT SENIOR CENTER
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019
6:30 PM**

(Recorder did not work at the beginning of the meeting)

Council President Manna 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 regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings are 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: Englese, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart

Council members Chae and LaBruno-absent

Mayor James J. Kelly-absent

Motion to Accept Agenda as presented: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Englese

All in favor.

Motion to pull Resolutions 239, 240 and 241 from the Consent Agenda to vote on first:

Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

Non-consent Agenda:

#19-239 James Fitzsimmons-Hire as Dumont Police Officer-\$31,696 starting salary

#19-240 Aizad Ahmed-Hire as Dumont Police Officer-\$31,696 starting salary

#19-241 Brandon P. Terrizzi- Hire as Dumont Police Officer-\$31,696 starting salary

President Manna asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions 239, 240, and 241.

Motion: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

Roll call vote: Council members Englese, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

Chief Conner introduced the three officers.

The three officers were sworn in by Borough Attorney Marc Leibman.

President Manna called for a brief recess.

Motion to go back into open: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

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

- #19-232 Approval of Corrective Action Plan for the 2018 Audit *
- #19-233 Approval of Veteran Tax Exemption-Block 322, Lot 21 *
- #19-234 Burgis Associates-Approval of Proposal for Professional Planning Services-not to exceed \$5,000 *
- #19-235 Approval of DHS Music Boosters On-premise Raffle Application to be held 9/20/19, 10/4/19,10/18/19 and 11/1/19; ID#109-5-36714; RL#544 *
- #19-236 Authorization for the Dumont Police Department to Begin the Testing Process for Two New Recruits *
- #19-237 Approval of Promotion of Peter Bondy to Driver/Laborer-\$24,300.26 annually*
- #19-238 Michael Boyle-Authorization of Separation Agreement *
- #19-242 Approval of DHS Project Graduation Off-premise Cash Raffle to be drawn January 15, 2020; ID#109-5-34050; RL#545 *
- #19-243 First Street Project-Approval of Change Order #3, Payment Certificate #2 and Maintenance Bond *
- #19-244 Keith Mullin-Authorization of Separation Agreement *
- #19-245 Bruce Hanson-Approval of Hiring as Per Diem Crossing Guard-\$15.00 per hr. *

Councilwoman Stewart stated that of the ten issues raised in our audit, five have been completed. An ordinance addressing Recreation fees is on tonight’s agenda. The others are being worked on immediately.

President Manna asked if item 4 included annual permits for grease traps. Councilwoman Stewart replied that it does. President Manna suggested that a monthly reconciliation should be provided for the items that are ongoing.

Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Englese

All in favor.

1. deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, suggested that the Council look at the repeat comments on the audit-some are in the audit five years in a row. The employees have to be held accountable.

2. Maryanne Russini, 141 Roosevelt Avenue, asked the goals to attract businesses. Mr. Leibman explained that he and the planner had attended an Economic Development Committee meeting. They decided that a survey of the businesses in town and the vacant spaces should be done. They laid out an order of events of items that they would like to accomplish. They would like to get feedback from residents. Ms. Russini reiterated Dr. deLyon’s comments regarding the audit.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Stewart
Second: Councilman Englese
Roll call vote: Council members Englese, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

ORDINANCE

First Reading

#1569 Dumont Recreation Commission Program Fee Ranges

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

This ordinance was precipitated by the audit.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Englese

Roll call vote: Council members Englese, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

Mayor and Council Work Session:

COAH-A couple of years ago there was a Grassroots effort to get the Assembly and Senate to change the affordable housing and rules. A committee put forth a number of recommendations, which evolved into five bills. A simple checklist asking whether they were for, against or undecided was sent to the Assembly and Senate pertaining to these bills. Mr. Byrd received no responses. President Manna suggested that residents contact Assembly and Senate and state you would like to see changes. Having the courts decide takes the will of the townspeople out of their hands. We appointed someone at the last meeting as the Affordable Housing Liaison who will work with the Affordable Housing Administrator.

Striping of Streets-Last year the town's striping machine blew up. We had to purchase a new one late in the year. He asked that if anyone notices anywhere that should have striping and doesn't, to let the Borough Administrator know.

Chapter 75-Police Department Ordinance-Dumont is going through the process of being accredited. The accrediting agency has recommended that some of Chapter 75 should be updated. Mr. Leibman had a meeting with Mr. Hisma. They went through Chapter 75, the draft rules and regulations that Mr. Hisma prepared and the personnel policy and procedures for the Borough and agreed some changes have to be made. Mr. Leibman would like to discuss some of the changes with the Governing Body. The rules will be adopted by the appropriate authority and the rules will be implemented by the Chief. After bringing up some points and realizing the Council did not have all the paperwork necessary for discussion, Mr. Leibman said he would craft a red-lined ordinance for them to review.

Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

1. Karen Valido, 24 Overlook Dr., asked the status of Gordon Avenue and the LSRP report. President Manna said the Council should be getting the report by next week. Ms. Valido asked if we are still in litigation with the Building Department. The response was yes.

2. deLyon, 67 Beacon Street. spoke again about the audit. If there are particular departments making errors, the employees should be fired or suspended. He asked about the pothole filler from the County. Mr. Richards responded \$300. Dr. deLyon asked how much we have paid Cumming. He asked about demolition of the properties. President Manna explained that Optimum had run an illegal hookup. Demolition cannot take place until all the wires and poles are down. Dr. deLyon stated we have spent too much money on Asplint.

3. Michael Sullivan, 125 Andover Avenue, asked the status of the traffic light situation at Gordon Avenue. President Manna said we are not moving forward with that yet. Mr. Sullivan suggested we go out for prices for striping and potholes.

4. Maryanne Russini, 141 Roosevelt Avenue, asked if people have to sign in on the website for streaming on YouTube. How much will Gina's Field improvements cost? She asked if the Borough has the money for matching grants. Mr. Richards told her to call him and he'll have more exact information.

5. Gerry Aponte, 88 Hickory Street, feels it would be better if the Recreation Commission worked with the Council. The Recreation Commission is getting prices and the Council is getting prices.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter Closed Session to discuss:

Litigation-Snell

Personnel-Police

Matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of borough property

Potential Litigation/property acquisition-Asplint

Motion to adopt: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

Roll call vote: Council members Englese, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

Following closed session:

Motion to go back into public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

Mr. Leibman recommended revision to the Rent Leveling ordinance in order to encourage developers to build in town.

Motion to close: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Englese

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Susan Connelly, RMC, Municipal Clerk