

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
SENIOR CENTER
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
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 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 Chae, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-present

Council members Englese and LaBruno-absent

Mayor James J. Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor thanked those who helped make Dumont Day and Dumont's 125th Anniversary a success. Tom Kelly, our town historian, had gathered photos and artifacts, which were displayed at Dumont Day. He also had invited the great-grandson of our first mayor, Dumont Clarke, to come for the weekend. Mr. Clarke was given a tour of the town. We had fireworks at night to celebrate Dumont's 125th anniversary.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT-absent

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilman Chae
No report
- Councilman Manna

Dumont Day and the Fireworks were very well coordinated.

COAH

Jim Burd had sent questionnaires to legislators regarding proposed changes to Housing rules, who were not very responsive. He suggested that the proposed changes and form letter be added to our website. The Mayor had no problem with that.

Councilman Manna said we received the preliminary assessment for 1 Gordon Avenue and the BP gas station. T&M engineers stated that the remediation program would probably continue another three or four years. There were high levels of several carcinogenic elements. The suggestion at this point was to test whether there are any

underground tanks and have them recommend several options to straighten out the intersection. We should move on that the next meeting.

The DPW has marked out all the crosswalks, etc. If anyone notices and area that has not been addressed, call the Administrator.

Police Department

Last month they had 1,987 calls for service-91 calls for medical reasons, 7 for fires and 4 calls for commitments. Patrol issued 102 traffic summonses, served 4 warrants and investigated 28 motor vehicle crashes. A total of 9,970 miles were traveled. The Detective Bureau conducted 13 firearms investigations, handled 30 criminal cases, investigated 9 domestic violence incidents and 3 drug-related arrests.

- Councilwoman Rossillo
No report
- Councilwoman Stewart

The Councilwoman complimented all who participated in Dumont Day to make it a great success. She recognized the groups she works with-the Stigma-free committee and the Library. The DPW did a wonderful job. She complimented the 125th anniversary committee, which arranged and provided the fireworks that night.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Robert Klein of Remington Vernick reported that bids were received for Columbia Avenue. The Borough has received funding from DOT for Delong Avenue. Remington Vernick is revising the project scope to coordinate with the funds allotted. They have developed a preliminary layout for Gina's Field softball field and playground. They are waiting for approval from the Borough.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the July 18, 2019 Public Meeting minutes: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

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

Motion to approve the August 13, 2019 Public Meeting and Closed Session minutes:

Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Manna

Council members Chae, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

Motion to approve the September 3, 2019 Executive Meeting and Closed Session minutes: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

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

Councilman Chae abstained.

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

#19-246 Bills List *

#19-247 Charlotte Tobias-Reappoint as Board of Health Member *

#19-248 Karen Peragallo- Reappoint as Board of Health Member *

#19-249 Approval of Block Party on Blanche Court September 21, 2019 *

#19-250 Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Leaf Transportation and Disposal *

#19-251 Authorization of the Submission of a Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities Grant Application *

Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

1. deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, questioned whether there will be enough money in the Building bonds. He questioned P.O.'s and items on the bills list. It's his opinion that the Borough should go out to bid for office supplies. He asked what shirts were ordered for the Mayor and Council.

2. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt, questioned items on the bills list. She asked if Remington Vernick engineers charge separately for giving a report at the Council meetings. The response was no.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

Council members Chae, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

ORDINANCE

Second Reading

#1569 Recreation Commission Program Fee Ranges

Motion to waive the formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Councilman Manna explained that this was one of the items in the audit that needed to be addressed.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

1. Maryann Russini, 141 Roosevelt, asked for confirmation that if the fees are out of the range that the Council would have to approve. She asked if the Borough has to pay the Borough Attorney to write resolutions. Mr. Leibman explained that the Municipal Clerk writes the majority of the resolutions and even those that he works on, the Municipal Clerk does a lot of the work so it saves him time and the town money.

Motion to close: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Chae

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

Motion to open to the public for general comments: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

1. Michael Sullivan, Andover Avenue, asked for details about the closed session litigation, which Mr. Leibman explained is a possible lawsuit; he could not give information because it could potentially affect someone's property. Mr. Sullivan asked Councilman Manna about the Gordon Avenue intersection and asked for confirmation that the project would not be started for years. Councilman Manna agreed but said there a number of things that have to be done even before we get to the point of making that decision. Mr. Leibman stated that we are very early in the process.

2. deLyon, Beacon Street, feels that road work should be done before working on the intersection. If you're taking part of the Gordon Avenue property, it might be unsellable and you might have to buy it anyway. He asked about the monopole at 50 Washington Avenue. He asked about the radio communications bid. He asked if the police who are present at the Council meeting are receiving overtime and why doesn't the Joint Land Use Board have one at their meetings. Mayor Kelly replied that he isn't aware of any extra cost to the Borough and that the Joint Land Use Board hasn't requested a police officer at their meetings.

3. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, asked how many active lawsuits the Borough has. The response was the Snell case and the Building Department case. Mr. Richards had sent her information on Gina's Field. She will email him the questions she has. She asked if the mosquito spraying was done. Are we moving Asplint and has Mr. Leibman spoken to the representative at the DEP? Mr. Leibman replied that we're still working on the move and that he spoke to the DEP and she is aware of what we're doing.

4. Carmine DeMarco, New York Avenue, said that Dumont Day and the 125th Anniversary fireworks were wonderful. He thanked the Dumont Community Group for paying for the rides.

5. Mike Breheny, 172 E. Linden Ave, spoke about the lot next door to him and a tree on the property. Mr. Leibman suggested he get some information from him after the meeting.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter Closed Session to discuss:
Property Acquisition, Litigation

Motion to adopt: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Chae

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

Following closed session, motion to go back into open: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Chae

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC
Municipal Clerk