

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
GOVERNING BODY SINE DIE MINUTES
SENIOR CENTER
JANUARY 7, 2020
6:15PM**

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 Sine Die 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.

Roll Call:

Council members Chae, Englese, LaBruno, Manna, Stewart-present
Councilwoman Rossillo-absent
Mayor James Kelly-present

Motion to Accept Agenda as presented: Councilman Englese
Second: Councilman Manna
All in favor.

Motion to turn the clock back to December 17, 2019: Councilman Manna
Second: Councilman Chae
All in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of December 17, 2019 Public and Closed Session:
Councilman Englese
Second: Councilwoman Stewart
Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Englese, Stewart-yes
Council members LaBruno and Manna 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

#19-312 Bills List *

#19-313 Transfer of Budget Appropriations *

Motion to open to the public on the consent agenda: Councilman Chae
Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

1. deLyon, Beacon Street, remarked that the resolutions were not on the website until 4PM. The Municipal Clerk responded that they were on since Monday but she would check on it. Dr. deLyon asked what OE and S&W stand for. The Municipal Clerk replied “other expenses” and “salary and wages”. He then asked about the transfers and budget. Mayor Kelly stated that at the Reorganization meeting a temporary budget will be adopted.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

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

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

Second: Councilman LaBruno

All in favor.

1. deLyon, Beacon Street, asked about purchases from Clean Communities: tires and knit hats were charged to this account. He asked about petty cash. He has asked about surplus a number of times and would like an answer. Did the CFO recommend this in writing or verbally? Mayor Kelly responded that the State does not recommend an amount and it is used to lower taxes. The Municipal Clerk stated it was verbally; it was a result of Best Practices.

2. Mary Normoyle, Randolph Avenue, asked about the Cliffside Body Corp for \$2,500. Are there certain subjects only that can be discussed in closed session? How are we doing with the radio bid? Mayor LaBruno replied that we are working with the Lehrer Cumming. There was one bid that was missing information.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Councilman Manna thanked the Council for trusting him as Council President in the Mayor’s absence. He thanked the residents for bringing him back over the years. He will always defend the right of voicing your opinion in a public forum.

Councilwoman Stewart asked that she read a message from former Administrator Tom Richards. In it he said that the last meeting he thanked department heads. He made an error by leaving out the most important department, the office of the Borough Clerk. Jeanine Siek, soon to be Deputy Clerk, is the perfect fit. She has the temperament, knowledge and ability for that position. The Borough Clerk is the glue that holds Dumont together. The pressure she receives every day is enormous. However, nothing is overlooked. Ms. Connelly is truly your treasure.

Councilman LaBruno presented a proclamation to outgoing Mayor James Kelly proclaiming January 7, 2020 as James Kelly Appreciation Day. Incoming Mayor LaBruno thanked him for inspiring him to be involved in politics. You’ve done a great job working with the Council. He thanked him for all his hard work the past eight years.

Mayor Kelly introduced his wife and son. He thanked Mayor LaBruno for his kind words and thanked the Council. He said that while he served there was a turnover of thirteen council people. It all worked. He has a new appreciation for people in public office. You are out in the public and you're a target. He thanked the Council, to all the people who work in Borough Hall and administrative staff-especially Sue Connelly who runs the ship over there-especially since we've had three different administrators. The Police Department is one of the best in New Jersey and that goes for the DPW, as well. We have a lot of volunteer organizations-Fire Department and Ambulance Corps always do a great job. Also, thank you to our Commissions and Committees who are also volunteers from Dumont. Finally, he thanked the residents from Dumont.

Date: January 7, 2020 (sine die December 17, 2019)

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC
Municipal Clerk