

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.  
GOVERNING BODY MEETING MINUTES  
DUMONT SENIOR CENTER  
MARCH 3, 2020  
6:30 PM**

Mayor LaBruno 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, Englese, Gorman, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-present  
Mayor Andrew LaBruno-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

Mayor LaBruno presented a proclamation to the Selzer Sharks Girls' Basketball Team

The Mayor called for a recess

Back into public:

**Mayor and Council Work Session:**

*Waste Management*-Mayor LaBruno spoke about the high cost of garbage collection. He said that he, the Administrator and CFO are going to start actively looking for options. One option is to switch to an automated waste service; perhaps enter a shared service with Bergenfield, which uses the automated service. We want to make sure residents will be getting the same services currently provided but at the same time keep the costs down. Mr. Abbasi said that due to the change in the recycling, disposal process, municipalities now have to pay vendors rather than receiving money for the amount of recyclables. Mr. Tully said he has spoken to DPW and together they are going to develop a process to study this and see what is in the best interest for the service and for the taxpayers.

*Library*-Councilman Manna said the Library provides many programs. He would like to ensure that they have a six-year capital plan addressing the historic part of the building and the remainder of the building. We've been working with our grant writer to acquire historic grant money.

**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**

**#20-62** Authorization to Participate in the LESO 1033 Program (revised) \*

**#20-89** Chris Tully-Appointment as Dumont JIF Commissioner \*

**#20-90** Donna Pleus- Reappointment to the Board of Health \*

**#20-91** Ada Aguilar-Reappointment to the Board of Health \*

There was no discussion from the Council.

Motion to open to the public on the Consent Agenda: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Rossillo

Second: Councilman Englese

All in favor,

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

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

## **ORDINANCES**

*Second Reading*

**Ordinance #1572** Revision of Chapter 216-7 of the Borough Code-Fire Watch

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

There was no discussion from the Council.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Chae

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Gorman

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Chae

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

**Ordinance #1573** Revision of Chapters 69-26-69-32 of the Borough Code-Sick Leave Policy

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Gorman

All in favor.

Ms. Lustig, the labor attorney who wrote the revisions, said that the sick leave policy clarified certain issues for employees not included in a bargaining unit.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Chae

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

Motion to adopt Ordinance #1573 on second reading: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

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

**Ordinance #1574** Ordinance Creating a Celebration Committee

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Councilwoman Stewart requested clarification on applications for the committee: Mayor LaBruno replied that the deadline for these applications will be April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Chae

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

Motion to adopt Ordinance #1573 on second reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Englese

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

*First Reading*

**Ordinance #1575** Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Gorman

All in favor.

Mr. Abbasi explained that this ordinance would allow the Borough to increase the appropriations cap by 1% based on the cost of living. It does not mean the Borough is going to spend the 1%. It is just in case there is an emergency. If we don't use it in two years it expires.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Manna

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

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

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

1. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, said that after the last meeting Councilwoman Stewart asked her where she worked, her company's revenue and how many employees there are in response to questions Ms. Russini had asked earlier. She doesn't think this is appropriate. She thinks the Council shouldn't have the DPW do garbage pickup.

2. Mary Normoyle, Randolph Avenue, reported that after the last meeting, she was standing outside with a group of people and Wayne Stewart bumped into her. She said if he has said “excuse me” she would have moved. If it happens again, she’ll press charges.

3. Bruce deLyon, Beacon Street, looked at the 2019 debt statement on our website. He said it shows our debt is \$39,279, 622. Future debt includes Gina’s Field, new fire truck and potential road projects. What is the impact of the amount in the COLA ordinance per household? He spoke of costs of internal garbage pickup.

4. Karen Valido, Overlook Avenue, asked the status of the radio tower. She also questioned the term of the newly appointed person on the Beautification Committee. The Mayor responded that the term is different after the initial appointment so that they are staggered.

5. Tom Kelly, Beacon Street, asked who is filling the one-year term on the Beautification Committee. He spoke of the garbage contract. The dumping fees are not included in the contract. Internal garbage pickup would be very expensive.

6. Bill Linder, Blanche Court, spoke about the Dumont Swim Club, which has not paid their lease in many years and he said is in disrepair. The Mayor replied that he will meet with the committee.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

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

Hearing-Employee Discipline

Potential Litigation-Asplint

Motion: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Manna

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

Following closed session, motion to go back into public: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Gorman

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilman Gorman

All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk