

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
MAY 19, 2020
6:30 PM**

Administrator Tully acted as moderator of the meeting from Borough Hall. He announced that the meeting is being held electronically as per the Governor's Executive Orders 107 and 108.

Municipal Clerk Connelly called the roll to make sure everyone on the Governing Body was on the call.

Mayor LaBruno called the meeting to order.

Flag Salute

Moment of silence to recognize everyone in our community affected by the COVID-19 and those we've lost.

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 time, date and location of this public meeting of the Governing Body by means of communication equipment, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b) on the Borough website, Borough Hall and Facebook.

Roll Call:

Council members Chae, Englese, Gorman, Manna, Rossillo, Stewart-present

Mayor Andrew LaBruno-present

Also on the call were Borough Attorney Leibman and CFO Ibbasi.

Motion to accept the agenda as presented: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the April 21, 2020 Public Meeting minutes: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

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

Motion to approve the May 5, 2020 Public & Closed Session minutes: Councilman

Englese

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

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

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

#20-118 Bills List *

There were no comments from the Council.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

Mr. Tully stated that he likes to answer questions the public had at the previous meeting. He said one he believes was answered but he wanted to clarify after speaking to the auditor, was that in April 2020 \$15,500,000 bond sale financed several capital ordinances which were authorized by the Governing Body 2014 through 2019. They were scheduled to mature in May of 2020. The 2020 bond did not provide any additional appropriation to the respective ordinance amounts included in the sale.

1. deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, questioned #5067 on the Bills List-payment #7 to Bennett Construction. Was the entire bond amount that was awarded was encumbered in Ordinance 1519? Did you pay off other Bond Anticipation Notes from money you just borrowed? He is disappointed that he doesn't get answers.

2. Mary Normoyle, Randolph Avenue, questioned the payments to RSC architects. Will these recordings be posted on the website? She asked if the public notice says Borough Hall because Mr. Tully is conducting the meeting from there.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

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

Motion to open to the public for General Comment: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

1. Michael Sullivan, Andover Avenue, stated that there is no transparency. No answers to questions are given. He asked the status of the Grant Avenue contamination.

2. deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, said he had sent three emails since April and not received answers. He asked if the \$15,500,000 can be co-mingled for the Municipal Complex. He objected to the one-minute allotted commentary. He wanted to know the format for the June 2nd budget hearing. Will the public be able to ask questions? After looking at the introduced budget, he feels there is plenty of room for reduction. He complained that the LaPorte Park is not being maintained.

3. Mary Normoyle, Randolph Avenue, remarked that the PILOT attorney was supposed to have a report interpreting the agreement ready in two weeks. It is now two weeks.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

The Mayor thanked County Executive James Tedesco, the County Health Department and Bergen New Bridge Medical Center for bringing the mobile testing center to Dumont

on Friday. It will be at the Brook Street parking lot. For first responders the time will be 9:00-10:00am. It will then be open to the public from 10:00 to 3:30. There will be COVID saliva tests as well as about 100 antibody tests.

The Community Group for providing the banner congratulating the 2020 graduates. He also thanked the Police and DPW for their part in hanging the banner.

Councilwoman Rossillo remarked that as a parent of a high school graduate, she is grateful for the banner. These graduates have missed alot.

Councilman Manna suggested that Mr. Sullivan read the May 5th minutes for the status of the Gordon Avenue property. The Councilman said he would like to thank the veterans who have served and who are now serving and remember the families of these veterans. He reported that the Library Director has been offering seminars for the Trustees through BCCLS.

Mayor LaBruno stated that Memorial Day will be handled differently this year-it will be a virtual event to honor the Veterans. He reported that the Library Director has been offering seminars for the Trustees through BCCLS.

Councilwoman Stewart expressed frustration that we don't yet have the report from the PILOT attorney. The Mayor will reach out to the attorney again. It was his understanding that Mr. Porro was waiting for a component from the developer.

Mayor LaBruno has spoken to the Governor about Recreation Summer Camp and has asked for guidance before we make a decision on that.

Councilman Gorman said that the Eagle Scout project, which has a water feature, is a beautiful new addition at the Gazebo. He added that he feels Administrator Tully is doing a great job and appreciates everything he is doing for us. Mayor LaBruno, Councilmembers Stewart and Chae agreed with the Councilman's comments. The Administrator has done a great job during this public health crisis, making it safe for residents and employees. They added that Mr. Abbasi is also a good addition to the Borough. The Mayor added that he knows Mr. Tully has been working well beyond the hours that he should.

Councilwoman Stewart remarked that the Eagle Scouts should maintain their projects once they are finished.

Mr. Tully thanked the Governing Body for their kind words and support during these unprecedented times. Hopefully there will be a good turnout for the testing this Friday. He will follow up with the PILOT attorney. He said that he tries to answer questions from the previous council meeting. If there are concerns, please let him know.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Englese

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC
Municipal Clerk