

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.  
GOVERNING BODY MEETING MINUTES  
DUMONT SENIOR CENTER  
DECEMBER 19, 2017  
6:30 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

**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 is 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: Correa (via phone), Di Paolo (arrived at 6:35), Manna, Morrell, Riquelme-present  
Councilman Geist-absent  
Mayor James J. Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Morrell  
Second: Councilman Manna  
All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the December 5, 2017 meeting minutes: Councilman Morrell  
Second: Councilman Manna  
Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Manna, Morrell-yes  
Councilman Riquelme-abstained

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Winter Festival was well attended and a great success. The Mayor thanked all involved.

There is still ongoing discussion regarding permissible driveway surfaces.

He thanked Councilman Geist and Councilman Morrell for their service on the Council.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Richards stated that a grant has been submitted for the repaving of Columbia Avenue through Community Development. The County will be repaving Washington and New Milford Avenues and reconstructing handicap ramps on both streets. The Northwest Utilities will be videotaping the sewer lines to see what condition they're in and what has to be replaced so the Council can project the costs and apply for whatever grants are available. The salt shed should be repaired by the second week of January. We had a meeting with PSE&G about the ongoing installation of poles on Prospect,

Columbia and Niagara. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be storing our records at a storefront on Madison Avenue, which will be equipped with a video system and security system. We attempted to rent a better audio system for tonight's meeting but it couldn't be done for tonight.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Councilwoman Correa

### *Fire Department*

There were 28 alarm calls and 1,080 manhours in November

- Councilman Manna

### *Finance*

This year municipal budgets will be submitted online.

The Councilman spoke of cyber security. Our IT specialist is aware of the issues and is proactive in protecting the integrity of our system.

Councilman Manna attended a meeting at which Josh Gottheimer spoke of the tax impact on New Jerseyans.

- Councilman Di Paolo

On Saturday morning coaches and kids shoveled the hockey rink. Dumont was one of the few rinks that were able to have games that day.

### *Shade Tree Commission*

They made an interactive presentation on deforestation at one of the schools on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Councilman Morrell

### *Recreation*

The Councilman thanked all involved with the Winter festival. Winter sports are up and running.

### *Police Department*

In November 1,941 calls were answered, eleven for fire. There were 312 summonses issued-207 for all night parking. There four drug arrests. They traveled over 8,808 miles of road. Three new police cars are running. Overnight parking restrictions have been suspended until January 2<sup>nd</sup> unless there is snow.

The Councilman enjoyed his time on the Council and thanked the Mayor and Council and the Borough Attorney and FARM'D.

- Councilman Riquelme

### *DPW*

Leaf pickup ends this week.

The Councilman thanked Councilman Geist and Councilman Morrell for their service on the Council.

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

No report.

**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**

**#17-286** Award of Quote for Snow Removal for Bank-owned Properties-\$75.00 per hr. \*

**#17-288** Camille Conte-Hire as Part-time Support for Social Services and Senior Center-\$10.00 per hour, no benefits \*

**#17-289** Elizabeth Goetschius-Reappointment to the Dixon Homestead Library Board of Trustees \*

**#17-290** Approval of RSC Architects Proposal for Municipal Complex at 50 Washington Avenue \* (previously tabled) Not to exceed \$630,000

**#17-291** Jennifer Murray-Accept Resignation Effective December 28, 2017 \*

**#17-292** Authorization of Payment #1 to Integrity Roofing-\$59,706.00 \* This is the bulk of the payment for the repair of the Library roof, which has been completed.

Councilwoman Correa asked that #285 and #287 be placed on non-consent.

Councilman Di Paolo feels we need a public information officer.

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

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

1. Lynne Vietri, Wilkens Drive, asked about Resolution #291.

2. Bruce deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, questioned bills from the Borough Attorney and suggested the bills be pulled until the next meeting. He asked about the transfer resolution. He asked about the fees and timetable for Resolution #290.

3. Lili Binney, 32 Roxbury, questioned Resolution #290, #292, job description for #288 and certain charges on the bills list. She asked about square footage of the new building.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the consent agenda minus Resolutions #285 and #287: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Di Paolo, Manna, Morrell, Riquelme-yes

Non-consent Agenda:

**#17-285** Bills List

**#17-287** 2017 Budget Appropriation Transfers-Councilwoman Correa questioned the transfer appropriations.

Motion to adopt both resolutions: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Di Paolo

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Di Paolo, Manna, Morrell, Riquelme-yes

## **ORDINANCES**

*Second Reading*

**#1532** Ordinance Amending Chapter 455-20 of the Borough Code-Driveway Width

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

1. Lynne Vietri, 41 Wilkens Drive confirmed that this ordinance addresses the 20' width.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Morrell

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on the second reading: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Di Paolo, Manna, Morrell, Riquelme-yes

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

1. Matthew Bailin, 12 Elizabeth Street, read a letter he will send to Mr. Geist on behalf of himself, his wife and many Dumont residents thanking him for his service and sensitivity to the community. Mr. Geist has earned their respect by not accepting the status quo. He is a man of character, honesty, intelligence and a desire to serve the people of Dumont. Mr. Bailin thanked Mr. Geist for his offer to act as counsel and hopes the Council accepts it. He said he also hopes Mr. Geist will run again.

2. Bruce deLyon, complained that the Council approved the bills list, even though in his opinion, there were errors. He spoke about items budgeted in the 2017 budget and questioned LOSAP. He questioned the property acquisition abutting the 50 Washington Avenue property and feels it should have been taken by eminent domain. He complained about items being given to the property owner as part of the purchase. He questioned the fact that the Borough Attorney is reviewing the professional RFQ's and the cost.

3. Michael Sullivan, 125 Andover Avenue, thanked the Administrator for looking into a new audio system for the Senior Center and said he could not hear what the attorney said. Mr. Paster told him that he reviews the RFQ's for legal compliance and has been doing so since 2006. Mr. Sullivan doesn't understand why we gave away twenty-two spaces away. He feels that Mr. Paster is running the town.

4. Lynne Vietri, 41 Wilkens, was assured that the landscaper would be fully indemnified for using the parking lot. She questioned process for the food pantry that Ms. Faulborn runs from the senior center.

5. Lili Binney, 32 Roxbury, questioned the plan's inclusion of a teen center in the new complex. She also asked about future changes in the bylaws and an informed electorate. She spoke about the Landmark escrow shortage. She stated that the OPRA request for unredacted emails between Mr. Paster and Mr. Madaio was refused due to attorney-client privilege. Ms. Binney feels that since the Governing Body is the client, the residents should have access. Mr. Paster stated that the client could waive this. Ms. Binney asked about Mr. Paster's experience.

Live streaming Council meetings and implementing a committee for better communication with the residents is being considered.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Morrell

All in favor.

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

Police Chief-Contract Negotiations

Police-Possible Litigation

Motion: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Morrell

Roll call vote: Council members Correa, Di Paolo, Manna, Morrell, Riquelme-yes

Motion to go back into public following closed session: Councilman Morrell

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk