

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT
Minutes of the Board of Warden & Burgesses
August 20, 2018

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, August 20, 2018 at Woodmont Borough Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Warden Bonessi at 8:00 P.M. In attendance were Burgesses: Kelley Graham, Robert Kish, Chuck Rockwell, Christopher Schmeisser, and Barbara Wagner.

Also present were: Beautification Chair Pat Del Vecchio, Clerk Wm. Guelakis, Constable Donna Mallico, and Treasure Robert Listorti.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

The August 6, 2018 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Burgess Rockwell made a Motion to approve the minutes with changes, seconded by Burgess Wagner, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Freeholders I

Richard Carey of 103 Hawley Ave said that he could remember when Hawley Ave was a two-way street and it was a disaster with cars racing around Hawley and Beach Ave. Traffic study from 1977 changed traffic flow and it worked. This is a safety factor with young children in the neighborhood.

Katie Murphy of 77 Hawley Ave had two topics:

- Safety and traffic flow on Hawley and I agree with Richard Cary. Changing to traffic flow to one way stopped the racing loop. We should have a traffic study, Hawley Ave has a speeding problem, changing the direction will not resolve it. A discussion followed.
- Golf charts, are they one in the same? Warden Bonessi responded saying that they are a sperate issue. Katie Murphy said that they are not approved by the city police department regardless of state statute. A discussion followed on the rules of the road.

Tony Evangelista of 15 Wall St said that he talked with officer from Milford that said golf carts are allowed. Burgess Graham said that that the traffic commissioner said no.

Jay Arnold of 4 Clinton St said that this no longer the era of drag racing around the Woodmont Beach and Hawley Ave loop, times have changes and this is about the golf carts and new devices to help us get around. By keeping both streets in the same directions you either have to go up to New Haven Ave or Kings Highway to get back around. New Haven Ave is to dangerous and they are not going to down Kings Highway having them go the wrong way on Hawley. The current situation is a safety issue. All bike lanes must go in the direction of the traffic, by changing the direction of Hawley, you could add a bike lane to resolve any safety issues for the kids. This would allow them to go around the loop safely.

Melissa Beler of 6 Chapel St said that she has received two different stories from the police department, and now we have a golf chart that we purchased and cannot use. Carts must be registered and insured, and it is up to the towns to create their own ordinances concerning golf carts.

Barbara Arndt of 17 Chapel St asked if we changing the direction of Hawley Ave due to golf carts? Been here for 50 years and why change the direction due to a few golf carts?

John Schaible of 4 Wall St said that he purchased a golf cart said that driving on New Haven Ave is to dangerous and cars are driving the wrong way on Hawley. Cars are the issue.

Sandy Evangelista of 15 Wall St said that she is favor of golf carts as long as they are operated properly. Ours is electric which is clean, we can use it take kayaks and elderly down to the beach, people accept them and I haven't heard any other issues concerning their use.

Report of the Tax Collector

Tax Collector Lynn Foss and Warden Bonessi reported that things are going well and that 80% of 2017 taxes have been collected for a total of 120,588.77, and that \$9,653.09 of delinquent taxes have been collected from 2016, and that \$28,165.45 have been collected from prior years by Attorney Cohen in addition to his collecting \$44,163.79 of prior to 2016 delinquent taxes.

Report of the Warden

Warden Bonessi reported that he has:

- Received calls both in support and against the use of golf carts
- Dealing with traffic issues
- Line of sight issue at 1481 New Haven Ave
- Attended conference calls for our website redesign
- Talked with Attorney Cohen to start foreclosure procedures to collect \$50,000 in delinquent taxes
- Preparing for our Annual meeting on August 30th
- Working on our movie night set for September 1st at 7:30, sponsored by the Volunteer Fireman, WARA, CERT, WRCA, Borough Government, and the Woodmont Library.
 - Matt Hunt fabricated the screen for side of barn 9 x 12 ft out of sail material
 - WARA in charge of projection, and setup a field antenna
 - CERT to set up the tent with brochures
 - WRCA paying for 2/3 of licensing fees
 - Rebecca Flynn has coordinated an ice cream truck and popcorn cart
 - Barrett Outdoor Communications for fabricating a movie sign
 - FB page setup
 - Monsters Ink is the movie

Report of the Constable

Constable Mallico submitted following report:

CONSTABLE REPORT AUGUST 3 - 26 2018

8/03 - (Eve) 2 parking tickets, 2 verbal warnings, 1 fire assist, 1 assist in Borough.

8/04 - (Day) 1 parking ticket, 1 verbal warning, checks of Doolittle park, Village Rd., Belmont St. / Beach Ave., Devol St. / Hawley Ave.

8/10 - (Eve) 2 parking tickets, 1 verbal warning.

8/11 - (Day) 3 parking tickets, 2 verbal warnings.

(Eve) 4 parking tickets, extra checks of Doolittle park, Beach Ave, Borough hall.

8/12 - (Day) 4 parking tickets, 2 verbal warnings.

8/17 - (Eve) 2 parking tickets, 1 assist out of Borough, Rain 10pm- 12 am

8/18 - (Day) 2 parking tickets, extra checks Doolittle park, Village Rd, Borough hall

8/19 - (Day) 2 verbal warnings, 1 police assist out of Borough, monitored stop sign at Clinton St. and Beach Ave. no violations. stood by while resident from 108 Beach threw people off rocks on private property. Talked with residents on Beach Ave walk.

8/24 - (Eve) Discussed golf cart laws with operator at Borough Hall, golf cart going wrong way on one way received verbal warning, remove parking violators at Doolittle park at 11pm. Noticed a couple large parties on beach gone by 10:30pm

8/25 - (Day) 2 parking tickets, warned people regarding private property, extra checks at Doolittle park, people parking too close to corner on Hawley Ave. and Belmont St.

(Eve) 2 parking tickets, 1 Fire assist (Distressed boater towed in by other boat)
Checks of Village Rd, Hawley Ave. Attempted to locate fireworks that were being set off no signs of where they were coming from.

8/26 - (Day) 3 verbal warnings, Large crowds at beaches parking lots full. No golf carts around, cautioned some renters children about running across street without looking, Fisherman in bluefish tournament on jetties. Monitored the Anderson Ave. beach good crowd there, watch stop sign at Clinton St. & Beach Ave only 1 in 30 min. did not stop.

Had a discussion with owner that has no trespassing passing sign on rocks wanted advice as to keep people off his rocks.

Gas - \$159.46

Report of the Clerk.

No Report.

Report of the Treasurer

DISBURSEMENTS AUGUST 2018

BOROUGH OPERATING FUND		TAX COLLECTOR ACCOUNT	
		Borough of Woodmont Capital Reserves (fund transfer)	
Lynn Foss (payroll)	\$700.00		\$20,000.00
Ed Bonessi (reimbursement)	\$96.24	TOTAL	\$20,000.00
Citizens Bank (Bor Hall)	\$340.83		
City of Milford (police)	\$3,007.86		
Marvin Display (flag replacement)	\$220.00		
Optimum (Bor Hall)	\$123.78		
Regional Water Authority (Bor Hall)	\$343.41		
Taylor Rental (Bor Hall)	\$242.40		
United Illum Co (Bor Hall)	\$545.67		
Borough of Woodmont (Fund transfer)			\$2,000.00
TOTAL	\$7,620.19		

CITY OPERATING FUND

United Illum Co (street lights)	\$1,540.16
United Illum Co (street lights)	\$82.22
Borough of Woodmont (fund transfer)	\$6,219.25
Mallico Paving Co	\$5,655.00
TOTAL	\$13,496.63

Committee Reports:

Planning & Zoning

No Report.

Police & Safety

Burgess Graham said that she called the traffic division concerning folks driving to fast between Chapel St and Mark St to try and slow traffic down. They are going to do a traffic study and said they may put in cross walks in at all four corners.

House

Burgess Rockwell reported that:

- Purchase a new map drawer for \$50 from the state of Connecticut
- Obtained three commercial fans for Borough Hall during heat wave, they were too noisy
- Sconce light out on the front of the building
- Burgess Barrett asked us to look into workman's compensation

Burgess Schmeisser noted that grass in the back has been damaged due its use from being rented and that it will probably cost more to repair and the amount charged for the rent. Warden Bonessi said that we need to revisit our rates. A discussion followed

Lightings

Burgess Kish reported that multiple complaints were received concerning double wood utility poles. Burgess Kish has been working with the UI to help identify which UI poles and Frontier poles. The poles with no wires attached will receive priority for removal.

Beaches

Burgess Kish reported that significant maintenance, grading and weeding, has been started at the beach at the end of Anderson Ave. and that people have been dumping off of the sea wall. Warden Bonessi instructed Jim Mallico to pickup all boats left on the public beach and to lock them up in the barn. Warden Bonessi said that Burgess Kish has done a significant amount of work on this.

Public Works

Jim Mallico said that work on the Chaucer Court drain has been completed.

Finance

No Report.

Library

No Report.

Beautification

Beautification Chair Pat Del Vecchio said that she ordered hydrangeas that E&D will be replacing, and that she received a complaint concerning some high weeds at the end of Clinton.

Approval of Bills

Bills are going around.

Old Business

- Proposed 2019-2020 Borough Budget Discussion

Burgess Schmeisser discussed and researched questions from the last meeting and explained.

Burgess Schmeisser Motioned to Approve the Proposed Budget, seconded by Burgess Graham and the Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- **Discussion of an ordinance for the proper operation of Golf Carts in the Borough.**

Warden Bonessi said that we are not even close to being able to decide on the topic. Burgess Schmeisser asked if this about a case against having golf carts. Warden Bonessi said that discussion is not about being against the use of golf carts. Burgess Graham said that this about being against the individuals that do not properly operate their golf carts. Warden Bonessi continued by suggesting that the board consider the following for the operation of golf carts in the Borough: annual registration with a three-digit tag issued, insured carts only, operated by license carry adults only, and follow state regulation.

A discussion followed concerning the following: issues with the city; every ordinance that the Borough makes is not supported by the city.

- Burgess Schmeisser Motioned to Table the discussion of an ordinance for the proper operation of Golf Carts in the Borough, seconded by Burgess Graham, and the Motion passed unanimously.
- **A discussion about safe traffic flow/patterns on Hawley Ave.**
Burgess Schmeisser argued strongly against any changes in the direction of traffic on Hawley Ave. Warden Bonessi make some suggestions on traffic flow reasoning that the traffic flow changes would help accommodate bikes, segways, etc. to avoid having to go onto New Have Ave. potentially eliminating a safety issue.
- **Website Redesign Discussion**
Warden Bonessi explained the reasoning for the website redesign and will be sending out the website prototype link and other design documentation to the Board.

Freeholders II.

Josh Gold of 4 Chapel street said the following:

- At the corner of Beach and Chapel I cannot get into my driveway, it is dangerous and the Chapel St should be made a one-way street
- We should give kids a summer jobs for cleaning the beach. Warden Bonessi said that the city performs that function for us
- The golf cart issue is the driving force for changing the traffic flow
- A larger security deposit should be charged to cover damages in the backyard.

Pat Del Vecchio of 56 Mark Street said that she was in favor of having the registration tag identifying who owns golf carts and identifying those that may be rentals.

- At 9:53 P.M. Warden Bonessi entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Graham, seconded by Burgess Wagner and the Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by William Guelakis
Woodmont Clerk