

**THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT**  
31 Clinton Street  
Woodmont, CT 06460  
**MEETING OF BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESS**  
April 6, 2015

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, April 6, 2015 at the Richard J. Austin Borough Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Warden Bonessi at 8:02 P.M. In attendance were Burgesses, John Barrett, Kelley Graham, Burgess Fred Luysterborghs, Chuck Rockwell, Christopher Schmeisser, and Barbara Wagner.

Also present were: Clerk Wm. Guelakis, Custodian Joe Rogers, and Treasurer Robert Listorti.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes**

The March 2, 2015 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Burgess Schmeisser made a Motion to approve the minutes seconded by Burgess Wagner, and the Motion passed unanimously.

**Freeholders I**

Bill Stark of 17 Chaucer CT said that he had emailed the city P&Z agenda and revisited the 1556 New Haven Ave application that was denied by the P&Z Board last spring. There have closed executive meetings and a proposed settlement that we do not know about nor do we know what the litigation was about. Burgess Wagner said that it was said after the March 11, 2015 executive session that that they will take action. Warden Bonessi recommended strongly that everyone that can should show up at the meeting.

Pat Fitzpatrick of 11 Clinton Street said he had bought the property and had his plans for the renovations he wanted to do. He said that I have an existing deck that is infringing a right away driveway for the neighbors that the P&Z would not comment on. I have a survey of the situation and would like to resolve this with an approval by the Borough Board. The neighbors present at the meeting worked with Pat Fitzpatrick in a meaningful way. Burgess also reviewed the survey.

Tina Andranovich of 1564 New Haven Ave said that she cannot find out anything with P&Z concerning the 1556 New Haven Ave application for affordable housing. This concerns everyone, there were state representatives involved in New Haven meeting sited that contractors are using this to circumvent local zoning. Please everyone be there tomorrow night.

**Report of the Tax Collector**

No Report.

**Report of the Warden**

Warden Bonessi reported:

- Winter is over and I have had a conversation with Jim Mallico about the snow removal that cost a total of \$51K. I am working with FEMA to get a 75% reimbursement of \$18K used for snow removal.

- Patch paving may only be possible instead of serious paving due to budget constraints from the additional expenses incurred from snow removal.
- Worked on shooting the sand elevations this spring with city public works.
- Meet with Jim Mallico and Burgesses Schmeisser and Luysterborghs concerning the category beach between Bonsilene St and Dunbar RD.
- We have another law suit for a slip and fall on Village Road law suit.
- There is a roof issue to be discussed on 128 Kings Highway.

### Report of the Constable

No Report

### Report of the Clerk

Clerk Guelakis reported that he had informed the Secretary of State Office of the election slate and sent updates for the annual Blue Book that lists all Borough officers.

### Report of the Treasurer

#### DISBURSEMENTS APRIL 6, 2015

BOROUGH		LIBRARY	
Kelley Cummings	\$744.35	Universal Printing Solutions	\$294.33
Malico Paving Co.	\$6,785	Frontier	\$90.08
William Guelakis	\$1,054.33	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$384.41
Joseph Rogers	\$115.44		
Cablevision	\$94.90		
Robert Listorti	\$230.88		
Lynn Foss	\$200.00		
Woodmont Fire Co	\$2,000.00		
United Illum Co	\$150.00		
United Illum Co	\$304.62		
United Illum Co	\$608.99		
So Conn Gas	\$329.25		
So Conn Gas	\$1,289.66		
Reg. Water Auth.	\$52.84		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$13,960.26		

#### CITY

Malico Paving Co	\$55,811.20
United Illum Co	\$2,873.31
Citizens Bank	\$145.41
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$58,829.92

### Committee Reports:

#### Planning & Zoning

Burgess Wagner reported we have already discussed concerning the Affordable Housing Application for 1556 New Haven Ave.

**Police & Safety**

Burgess Graham called concerning the bus route through the Borough and confirmed that it will go down New Haven Ave and will not turn down Kings Highway onto Chapel St and into Mervin Ave.

**House**

Burgess Rockwell reported the good news is that we received our general building permit and have started renovations. Unfortunately we have lost part of the roof at 128 Kings Highway.

**Lighting**

No report

**Beaches**

Burgess Luysterborghs and Warden Bonessi walked the beach between the Belmont and Bonsilene Street groins to determine needed regarding of existing gravel and to determine that the rip-rap west of the groin to Dunbar Street needs to be built up with small rocks and boulders. Jim Mallico has estimated the regarding to cost \$4100, and to build-up the rip-rap with new boulders and gravel to cost \$8,100.

**Public Works**

Warden Bonessi we have already covered.

**Finance**

Burgess Schmeisser said that we about \$70k left in the city budget and that has to cover the final two months of basic bills.

**Library**

No Report

**Beautification**

Beautification Committee chair Pat Del Vecchio reported:

- Committee met with Don of E and D Landscaping twice for review of landscaper contract/plans.
- Plants pre-ordered for planting in 6 areas:  
Rosemary Ct., New Haven Ave, Anderson Ave., Chapel St, Village Rd. and Abigail.
- All beds to be cleaned and pruned up and planting is a priority as we missed the opportune time last year.
- Crew of 3 will be re-furbish the benches by replacing broken boards and re-painting as necessary. Railings leading to beach areas will also be touched up or repainted.
- New tops for trashcans should be ordered now, recommending 6 as 3 are already missing and we will have extras on hand. Approved. Order will be placed.
- Need return of our painted beige barrels. Warden will make calls.
- End of road signs and beach access sign will be replaced.
- Goal of May 15<sup>th</sup> for all work to be done well ahead of Memorial Day holiday weekend and should be good for the entire summer season.
- Additional fall plants and spring bulbs will be planted in fall.

**Approval of Bills**

Bills are in circulation.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**Old Business**

- **To Confirm Two New Burgesses**

Burgess Rockwell Motioned to approve the newly appointed Burgesses, Kelley Graham and Fred Luysterborghs, seconded by John Barrett, and the Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

- **128 Kings Highway Roof**

Per Burgess Rockwell's request, Bill Silver of Silver Petrucelli explained what would be required to repair the roof and why the roof was blown off. The contractor currently performing renovation work at 128 Kings Highway noticed the problem and patched the exposed area immediately. A discussion followed and the Board will continue the discussion after additional estimates for the repair work are received.

- **Planning & Zoning - Presentation of proposed exterior renovations to 11 Clinton St by homeowner**

The Board discussed the situation and will contact P&Z to find out why they are leaving this up to the home owner.

- **Library - Request for credit card to make small purchases by library director**

Burgess Wagner wants the librarian to have some working money for day to day expenses. After a discussion Warden Bonessi directed Treasurer Listorti to obtain a credit card for the library director.

- **Category G beach project between Bonsilene St and Dunbar Rd**

Motion to amend the agenda was made by Burgess Wagner to consider Burgess Luysterborghs proposed project to re-grade a build-up existing gravel between the Belmont Street and Bonsilene Street groins for approximately \$4,100 and to build up the rip-rap west of the Belmont Street groin to Dunbar Road with small rocks and boulders for approximately \$8,100, and to allocate up to \$13,000 from the Borough Sand Replenishment Fund for the project, seconded by Burgess Barrett, and the Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion followed and a Motion was made by Burgess Barrett to approve the allocation of up to \$13,000 from the Borough Sand Replenishment Fund to fund Burgess Luysterborghs proposed project regarding the re-grading of existing gravel between the Belmont and Bonsilene Street groins and to build up the rip-rap west of

the Belmont Street groin to Dunbar Road with small rocks and boulders, seconded by Burgess Schmeisser and the Motion carried unanimously.

**Freeholders II**

Hearing None.

**Outstanding Items**

None

- At 9:22 P.M. Warden Bonessi entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Schmeisser, seconded by Burgess Wagner and the Motion carried unanimously.

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Minutes taken by William Guelakis  
Woodmont Clerk