

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT
Minutes of the Board of Warden & Burgesses
January 2, 2018

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at Woodmont Borough Hall.

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

Also present were: Clerk Wm. Guelakis, Constable Donna Mallico, and Treasure Robert Listorti.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

The December 4, 2017 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Burgess Wagner made a Motion to approve the minutes with changes, seconded by Burgess Graham, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Freeholders I

Carmen Corvino of 31 Chapel Street remarked that the light out front of Borough Hall has made a difference and would like to thank Bob Kish for his efforts. Carmen Corvino went on to say that she is here this evening to encourage everyone to use the library and I am leaving applications for everyone to fill out that Barbara Wagner will return to the library. We are now running our first fund raiser and the bags we have had created are selling for \$5 each.

Report of the Tax Collector

Warden Bonessi said there had been questions earlier this week on back taxes owed that go back to 2001, and unfortunately, some are all no longer collectable. We are owed \$74,412.30 in back taxes and in total, to include all fees, we are owed \$115,237.60 which is close to a full year's budget. There is currently \$20,667 owed from this year which are now late. Beginning very soon, we will be working with attorney Adam Cohen, whom we have contracted with, to start collecting back taxes. We need to have people pay their taxes.

Report of the Warden

Warden Bonessi reported:

- Hopefully the snow event coming will be a small one, but we won't be staying within our budget with any additional storms
- Renewed contract with Jim Mallico
- Working with Bob Kish on the building

Report of the Constable

No Report.

Report of the Clerk.

No Report.

Report of the Treasurer

DISBURSEMENTS JANUARY 2018					
BOROUGH OPERATING Fund			LIBRARY		
James Freda	\$161.61	Payroll & Management	Cash		\$263.35
Lynn Foss	\$200.00	Accounting	Frontier		\$47.25
Donna Mallico	\$46.17	Payroll	TOTAL		\$310.60
William Guelakis	\$1,054.33	Payroll			
Robert Listorti	\$230.87	Payroll			
Ed Bonessi	\$31.89	Reimbursements			
Charles Rockwell	\$82.30				
			CAPITAL RESERVE		
Teddi Mickus	\$105.00		Silver Petrucelli & Assoc		\$418.50
Rachel Costanza	\$200.00	B. Hall Security Return	TOTAL		\$418.50
Citizens Bank	\$80.64	Borough Hall			
Optimum	\$110.90	Borough Hall			
United Illum Co	\$425.81	Borough Hall			
So Conn Gas Co	\$407.55	Borough Hall			
TOTAL	\$3,090.90				
CITY FUND					
Mallico Paving	\$4,770.00	Public Works			
E&D Landscaping	\$920.00	Public Works			
United Illum Co	\$1,574.26	Street Lights			
TOTAL	\$7,264.26				

Committee Reports:

Planning & Zoning

Burgess Wagner reported that the variance request for 117 Hawley Ave concerning the depth of the lot in consideration to build a two-family house that had been postponed is scheduled for next Tuesday's meeting. A discussion followed.

Police & Safety

No Report.

House

Burgess Rockwell said that the fix for the kitchen electrical did not work. When the sub panel was moved from the clerk's office to the kitchen the existing problem was moved with it. The electrical schematic was ignored and I have someone coming to look at it. Second, the barn loft has been completed.

Burgess Kish gave an update on the HVAC modifications for Borough Hall. The contract with ESC to modify the existing system to make it more user friendly that will give us WEB access has been signed. We are now waiting to be scheduled by the company.

Lightings

No Report.

Beaches

Refer to New Business.

Public Works

No Report.

Finance

No Report.

Library

Burgess Wagner said that the children's side of the library is very active.

Beautification

No Report.

Approval of Bills

Bills are going around.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- **Accept Anderson Ave Beach survey proposal**

Burgess Kish recapped efforts concerning the end of the Anderson Ave beach due to the interest expressed by the residents that use it frequently and who are interested in improving the condition of that beach. First, we talked with DEEP about maintaining the coastal jurisdiction line, that is a line of a certain elevation, where we can maintain above the line but to maintain below the line will require a permit since it is under the jurisdiction of the state. Before we can have a meaningful discussion about maintenance, we need to know where the line is. The next step is to get a survey so to determine where the line is.

Burgess Kish said that after pursuing proposals from engineers, he has received a proposal from an engineer to conduct a survey for a very modest price of \$500 and recommends that we vote on going forward with the survey.

Burgess Barrett Motioned to approve \$500 to conduct the survey, seconded by Burgess Graham, and the Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion followed. Burgess Kish stated that he has reached out to the director of public works to verify if he did or did not have survey resources and will wait two weeks for a response before moving forward.

Freeholders II.

Hearing None.

- At 8:26 P.M. Warden Bonessi entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Kish, seconded by Burgess Wagner and the Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by William Guelakis
Woodmont Clerk