

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT
31 Clinton Street
Woodmont, CT 06460
MEETING OF BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESS
January 4, 2016

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, January 4, 2016 at the Richard J. Austin 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 Committee Chair Pat Del Vecchio, Constable Donna Mallico, Clerk Wm. Guelakis, and Treasurer Robert Listorti.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

The December 7, 2015 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Burgess Barrett made a Motion to approve the minutes seconded by Burgess Rockwell, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Freeholders I

Joe Rogers of 12 User Street said that he would like to thank everyone for the gift. Since the course of events of last fall, I have come to realize what is so special about Woodmont, the people, from the large turnout of help from the people of Woodmont. Joe went on to read a letter that he received.

Nina Sancher of 13 Beach Ave said that she was here for the annual meeting when the status of the beach was discussed and how the rocks would be removed by the Borough that she hasn't seen happen. Warden Bonessi went on to explain where we were in the application process with the DEEP for a COP that is required before we can do anything. A discussion followed.

Report of the Tax Collector

Warden Bonessi reported that we have collected up to \$128,538.16 in taxes this year almost our \$130,000 Borough Budget for this year. The collected taxes however include past taxes.

Tina Della Vella, myself and our Borough attorney just completed a meeting prior to tonight's meeting to discuss past due taxes. Our attorney is going to reach out to the city clerk to notify closing attorneys of Woodmont Borough property taxes and to request mortgaging addresses to get delinquent taxes current. We have about \$130,000 of unpaid taxes, and we are going to lien and sell those liens, and we are going to aggressively collect past due taxes.

Report of the Warden

Warden Bonessi said that he has spent a tremendous amount of time working on increasing our rebate from the city. Warden Bonessi said that he and Burgess Schmeisser meet with the mayor and city finance director concerning our rebate. Warden Bonessi said that he had requested an additional \$200,000 for infrastructure work needed for the Borough and that the mayor has only offered a \$10,000 increase. The city has to understand that the Borough needs to receive equal services as does the rest of the city. I will be giving a 60 slide presentation to both the finance board and board of alderman concerning this and we as a Borough need to reach out to our alderman and the mayor's office.

Report of the Constable

No Report.

Report of the Clerk.

No Report.

Report of the Treasurer

DISBURSEMENTS JANUARY 4, 2016

BOROUGH		LIBRARY	
James Freda	\$0.44	Borough of Woodmont	\$93.49
James Freda	\$253.96	TOTAL	\$93.49
Donna Mallico	\$46.17		
Robert Listorti	\$230.87		
William Guelakis	\$1,054.33		
William Guelakis	\$44.67	BUILDING COMMITTEE	
Mallico Paving Co	\$6,500.00	Silver Petrucelli & Assoc	\$130.00
		Tomlinson Hawley	
Christine Della Valle	\$696.16	Patterson	\$25,000.00
Citizen's Bank	\$12.51	TOTAL	\$25,130.00
King & King Assoc CPA's	\$2,500.00		
So Conn Gas Co	\$393.60		
So Conn Gas Co	\$78.07		
United Illum Co	\$515.18		
United Illum Co	\$70.81		
United Illum Co	\$144.26		
Lynn Foss	\$125.00		
TOTAL	\$12,619.86		
CITY			
United Illum Co	\$2,712.47		
Mallico Paving Co	\$4,500.00		
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E&D Landscaping	\$2,486.00		
TOTAL	\$14,198.47		

Committee Reports:

Planning & Zoning

Burgess Wagner reported that the P&Z meeting the 1316 New Haven affordable housing application was denied and the 108 Beach Ave appeal is postponed until the Jan 12, 2016 meeting.

Police & Safety

No Report.

House

No Report.

Lighting

No Report.

Beaches

Burgess Kish reported that he had a chance to talk with Frank Luysterborghs a few days ago and there is no new news concerning the COP. The good news was that Susan from the DEEP suggested to convert the application for our COP to extend through the last year of the maintenance contract with the DEEP. Considering the amount of detail provided from the Borough that this would be a favorable approach. Currently the process has slowed down.

Public Works

No Report.

Finance

Burgess Schmeisser reported that we are down to about \$100,000 of our city budget.

Library

No Report.

Beautification

Pat Del Vecchio reported that she turned in a check \$600 for a refurbished bench, the pine tree at the circle on New Haven Ave has to be replaced, and that she had spoken to Don from E&D about plantings done earlier in May and June during the wet season.

Approval of Bills

Bills are in circulation.

Unfinished Business

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- **Robert Kish new board member to replace Frank Luysterborghs**

Warden Bonessi spoke in support of Robert Kish.

Burgess Rockwell Motioned to approve the appointment of Robert Kish as a new board member replacing Frank Luysterborghs, seconded by Burgess Wagner and the Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Guelakis swore Robert Kish in as a Borough Burgess.

- **New flooring for Borough Hall \$18,000.**

Warden Bonessi introduced the subject of flooring and options to be considered. He then entertained a Motion to open it up to discussion.

Burgess Barrett Motioned to open a discussion on new flooring for Borough Hall, seconded by Burgess Wagner, and the Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion on various flooring surfaces followed and a discussion on current finances followed the discussion on flooring.

Burgess Barrett Motioned to table the discussion on new flooring for Borough Hall, seconded by Burgess Wagner, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Outstanding Items

None.

Freeholders II

Nina Sancher of 13 Beach Ave said that porcelain tile is one of the best materials ever produced just make sure the color goes through, it is used in commercial buildings, is beautiful, very durable, and lasts forever.

Joe Rogers of 12 User Street said that he prefers wood flooring and that after many years of maintaining the current Borough Hall that it is durable and will last.

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- At 9:10 P.M. Warden Bonessi entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Barrett, seconded by Burgess Wagner and the Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by William Guelakis
Woodmont Clerk