

**THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT**  
31 Clinton Street  
Woodmont, CT 06460  
**MEETING OF BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESS**  
January 5, 2015

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, January 5, 2015 at the Richard J. Austin Borough Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Warden Bonessi at 8:03 P.M. In attendance were Burgesses, John Barrett, Chuck Rockwell, Christopher Schmeisser, and Barbara Wagner.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes**

The December 1, 2014 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Burgess Rockwell made a Motion to approve the minutes with changes submitted by Burgess Barrett, seconded by Burgess Barrett, and the Motion passed unanimously.

**Freeholders I**

Pamela Ayre of 130 Beach Ave said that she would like the issue of beach sand be revisited, and we have some questions for clarification. Let me state that we all want the same thing as to the replenishment and the preservation of the shoreline. The replenishment of beach sand is an insufficient plan to take. Warden Bonessi asked Pamela Ayre if this pertained specially with Crescent Beach, and Pamela Ayre responded yes. Pamela Ayre pointed out that the motion stated that there were two options, and stated there is a third option of taking no action now and to put this option back on the table for future study. Warden Bonessi responded that the sand that was available to the Borough has been taken by the town of Stratford. Pamela Ayre responded then that puts us at option three of taking no action, Warden Bonessi said that when there is more sand available we will start this all over again. Burgess Schmeisser explained that we are trying to all that we can and went on to explain about category three beach classification with the Army Corps of Engineers. Burgess Schmeisser also expanded the issue of the patch work of private and public land owners on Crescent Beach verses the other publically owned beached in Woodmont. Pamela Ayre stated who pays for this is a lesser issue that what it is and that she thinks this must be part of a larger study and since the sand is gone, this puts us back at that point any way, and to the subject of quick claiming deeds there seems to much confusing and conflicting information around about whether owning to the high tide line is significant in this or not. Warden Bonessi and Burgess Schmeisser responded that this is significant. Pamela Ayre said that there are other views from the state that Deloris has been in contact with. Pamela Ayre said that there is no further need for discussion on this. A discussion followed of storm related photos. Pamela Ayre said I rest my case since the sand is not available.

Deloris Hannon of 110 Beach Ave said that she would like to reiterate what Pamela Ayre had said and to clarify what my husband Jay had said on my behalf. I got involved with this through an email from the governor for educational purposes and I was never interested in just getting sand even though that is a big part of this. My original concern was the condition of the roads, sidewalks and seawalls. I was hoping to get something from the state and not the Borough to protect and preserve this area. I do not want the roads and sidewalks to collapse and I do not know what the solution should be. I do not feel this should not be put on the hands of the Borough or the residents. When I spoke with Sue Jacobson from the state and when she came down, Sue Jacobson said that when the road is involved the deeds, just as Pam said, deeds do not matter, patch work deeds, we are looking at a roads that is a city situation, so I would like the city to step up to the plate, and for the state to help the Borough with this. The sand seems very complicated and we could not hang on to that permit from Stamford that was Sue Jacobson's suggestion, and at this point in time to go through a permit process at this time would be monumental, and so I do not know where the answer lies, but I do think that Ben Blake did say to me personally on the phone that city would help and I hope he comes through on this some-how.

**Report of the Tax Collector**

Tax collections to date:

\$ 9,874.56	Past Due
4,677.18	Interest
102,073.90	Current Tax Receipts
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\$116,625.64	

**Report of the Warden**

Warden Bonessi reported:

- We are receiving a storm Irene refund of approximately \$355K from FEMA of total damages of \$477K. The check must be deposited into the city funds account and a check for the exact amount must be sent to the city if Milford.
- Working on the budget presented by the mayor and it doesn't look good for an increase. We are looking for an increase for public works for additional street paving.
- We need a new board member to attend the flood and erosion board to let them know that we are actually a municipality.

**Report of the Constable**

No Report

**Report of the Clerk**

No Report.

**Report of the Treasurer**

## DISBURSEMENTS MEETING JANUARY 5, 2015

BOROUGH		LIBRARY	
Bill Guelakis	1054.33	Frontier	100.55
Joe Rogers	115.44	TOTAL	100.55
Kelly Cummings	744.34		
		BUILDING	
Raymond Jablonski	44.67	COMMITTEE	
Robert Listorti	230.87	Bill Guelakis	50
		Albert Munroe Jr. Plumbing & Heating	1250
So. Conn. Gas Co.	217.57	Silver Petrucelli & Assoc. Inc.	1511.52
Tim's Auto Center	27.96	So Conn. Gas Co.	646.4
United Illuminating Co.	89.43	TOTAL	3457.92
United Illuminating Co.	205.74		
United Illuminating Co.	137.24		
Regional Water Authority	49.79		
Cablevision	94.9		
Lynn Foss	190		
TOTAL	3202.28		
CITY			
E&D Landscaping LLC	1709		
Turf Masters LLC	325		
Mallico Paving Co.	3749.2		
United Illuminating Co.	2666.27		
TOTAL	8449.47		

**Committee Reports:****Planning & Zoning**

No Report

**Police & Safety**

No Report

**House**

Burgess Rockwell reported that: the building committee met this evening. We are moved from 100<sup>th</sup> to about 3<sup>rd</sup> in line for a building permit review. Our color selection committee is working and report out later this month.

The state will allow for certain expenses to be reimbursed from the STEAP grant. Plumbing repairs for the second floor and utility expenses are not included and will have to come from the Borough house account.

**Lighting**

No report

**Beaches**

No Report

**Public Works**

Warden Bonessi asked Jim about snow removal last Saturday evening. Jim Mallico responded that he had to go out for only a few hours.

**Finance**

Burgess Schmeisser said that we have approximately \$145,000 in city funds, and we should have about \$50,000-\$60,000 for street paving in the spring. Warden Bonessi asked Treasure Listorti to check if we received two road aid checks from the state.

**Library**

Burgess Wagner said that we have received computers from Fairfield University that will be used in the children's section once it is completed.

**Beautification**

Beautification Committee chair Pat Del Vecchio reported that:

- We have a \$20 charge for holiday trees
- We cleared up the mix up between the end of road signs

**Approval of Bills**

Bills are in circulation.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Freeholders II**

Pat Del Vecchio of 56 Mark Street wanted to know from P & Z what was going on at the bottom of Abigail St and Merwin Ave behind the restaurant. Burgess Wagner believed the property was approved for mixed use, but would look into it.

**Outstanding Items**

None

- At 8:38 P.M. Warden Bonessi entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Barrett, seconded by Burgess Schmeisser and the Motion carried unanimously.

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Minutes taken by William Guelakis  
Woodmont Clerk