

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT
31 Clinton Street
Woodmont, CT 06460
MEETING OF BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESS
January 6, 2014

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, January 6, 2014 at the Richard J. Austin Borough Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Warden Bonessi at 8:01 P.M. In attendance were Burgesses: John Barrett, Michael Krauss, Chuck Rockwell, and Barbara Wagner.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

The December 2, 2013 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Burgess Krauss made a Motion to approve the minutes with changes, seconded by Burgess Rockwell and the Motion carried unanimously.

Freeholders I

Hearing None

Report of the Tax Collector

Bookkeeper Lynn Foss reported that six checks had been received, some liens have been released, and that the second tax notices will be going out. Warden Bonessi requested reports concerning tax collections: percentage collected for 2013 taxes, where we are year to date; and what is outstanding from 2012 and older.

Report of the Warden

Warden Bonessi said that he had meet with the mayor to request an additional \$50,000 in funding and was refused. The mayor said that he was not asking anyone to take a cut, but with a 0% increase the Borough will receive \$220,000 from finance. The Irene bonding will be coming due soon and the city is worried that we are not pushing FEMA hard enough for the reimbursement. FEMA now has a third lawyer involved that is asking for all the same information again. Warden Bonessi said that he has met the Borough attorney who said that we will probably have to sue FEMA. The Army Corps of Engineers agrees that we have met our requirements and that we should be eligible for funding. The contractor hired by the Army Corps of Engineers has estimated their cost at \$2.3 million with a budget up to \$2.4 million. Due to availability, a different mix of sand is going to be used. The contractor expects to start within the January thru February time frame due to the weather.

Report of the Constable

Report for December 2013 submitted by Constable Jablonski:

There were no complaints or problems to report on for the month.

Report of the Clerk

BOROUGH		LIBRARY	
E&D Landscaping LLC	\$814.00	AT&T	\$84.71
King & King Assoc. CPA's	\$8,000.00	Total	\$84.71
Kelley Cummings	\$744.34		
Raymond Jablonski	\$44.67		
Robert Listorti	\$230.87		
William Guelakis	\$1,054.33		
Joseph Rogers	\$115.94	BUILDING COMMITTEE	
		Silver Petrucelli & Assoc	
Cablevision	\$89.90	Inc	\$6,225.00
Robert Listorti	\$46.00	Bill Guelakis	\$150.00
Lynn Foss	\$240.00	Total	\$6,375.00
So Conn Gas Co	\$67.73		
United Illum Co	\$68.60		
United Illum Co	\$121.12		
Total	\$11,637.50		

CITY	
Malico Paving Co	\$3,749.20
E&D Landscaping LLC	\$2,142.00
United Ill. Co	\$2,321.69
Total	

Committee Reports:**Planning & Zoning**

Barbara Wagner read the updated definition of Family Definition (Article XI Definitions) as determined at the last city planning and zoning meeting as follows: FAMILY – Persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption or no more than 4 individuals occupying a dwelling unit who are committed to living together as a single housekeeping unit, in harmony with the sounding neighborhood, responsible for maintaining a common household. A boarder shall not be considered a member of a family for the purposes of this definition.

Police & Safety

Warden Bonessi reported that he has requested the Milford police to enforce snow plowing and sidewalk snow removal ordinances in the Borough. Warden Bonessi requested that the Clerk send out notifications concerning this matter.

House

Burgess Rockwell reported that the furnace at Borough Hall was off for no determinable reason except for a power surge or brown out. Water from broken water pipes due to freezing had flowed out the front of the building and into the crawl space. Three plumbers spent the day repairing the furnace and broken pipes.

Burgess Rockwell said that the building committee received another reimbursement check from the state STEAP grant office for over \$11,000. The design documents for the firehouse are 99% complete that will be going out to bid later this month. The estimated budget of \$538,000 is close to budget. The seismic requirement for the firehouse conversion will not be necessary eliminating an additional \$100,000 in renovation expenses. On December 27th, 2013 a meeting was held with city officials concerning the relocation of the emergency relay tower from the old firehouse #6 to the Woodmont firehouse #5 to be further discussed this evening under new business.

Lighting

Burgess Barrett reported that branches on power lines on Hawley Ave were cleaned off.

Beaches

No Report.

Public Works

Warden Bonessi said Jim Mallico is doing a great job snow plowing. Warden Bonessi requested that the Clerk send out notifications to enforce the city ordinances on plowing and snow removal. Warden Bonessi also said that the city will not increase the budget to help pay for projects.

Finance

No Report.

Library

No Report.

Beautification

Chair Report submitted by Pat Del Vecchio:

- Limited report as Committee does not meet in November or December. Previously reported actions and plans will resume on January 30th.
 - **Electrical Service New Haven Ave Sign:** Warden will follow up with City of Milford to have meter/outlets installed on property and coordinate with UI to connect to pole.
 - **Approved refillable credit card** with amount limit for Committee has not been received. Warden directed Treasurer to follow up and get the card.
 - **New dedication requests:**
 - **Bicycle rack in honor of Willie Kaoud:** Has been ordered, received and stored in Hall garage. Plaque to be ordered. Hold payment until can be inspected as minus degree temperatures were prohibited working in garage.
 - **Memorial Bench for Samantha Karpel:** Has been ordered. plaque to be ordered.
 - **Installations** for both will be later in the spring with dedication ceremonies in conjunction with family and friends at their convenience.
 - **Permission to cut/remove foliage growth** at bottom of Bonsilene St. and Beach Ave along shoreline: Removal granted by the warden. Chair directed to coordinate removal with Jim Mallico, Woodmont Public Works.
 - **Next Meeting of the Beautification Committee** is January 30th at 4 pm at the Borough Hall.

Approval of Bills

The bills are being circulated for approval and signatures

Unfinished Business

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Burgess Barrett Motioned to amend the agenda to include the following two items:

Item one: to authorize the Warden to negotiate with city officials the relocation of the emergency relay tower from firehouse #6 to the Woodmont firehouse #5; Item two: authorization to contract with Quality Data Service for online tax collection services; seconded by Burgess Krauss and the Motion passed unanimously.

Warden Bonessi said the closing on the firehouse is being held up due to the relocation of the emergency relay tower used by the Police and Public Works. Burgess Barrett had drafted a MOU, memorandum of understanding, for a meeting last Friday with the chief and assistant police chief that ended in disagreement. This Friday, Warden Bonessi will meet with the mayor and police chief to negotiate a solution.

Burgess Barrett Motioned to authorize the Warden to negotiate and execute a memorandum of understanding with the city of Milford concerning a communication tower at 128 Kings Highway, seconded by Burgess Rockwell, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Burgess Barrett said that Quality Data Services will provide a full bureau online tax collections service to include printing and mailing of tax bills not to include postage and online payment by credit card for \$2,000 per year with a \$250 annual fee to format tax data provided by the city until the city of Milford starts to use their service. For this year, they will pro-rate for one half year for \$1,000.

Burgess Barrett Motioned to sign the contract with Quality Data Service, seconded by Burgess Krauss, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Freeholders II

Hearing None.

Outstanding Items

None

- At 8:44P.M. Warden Bonessi entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Krauss, seconded by Burgess Rockwell and the Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by William Guelakis
Woodmont Clerk