

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

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

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

Also present were: Beautification Chair Pat Del Vecchio, Clerk Wm. Guelakis, Constable Donna Mallico, Tax Collector Lynn Foss, and Treasure Robert Listorti.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

The June 18, 2018 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Burgess Rockwell made a Motion to approve the minutes with changes, seconded by Burgess Wagner, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Freeholders I

Toni Evangelista of 15 Wall St wanted to know if there were any plans to replace the one-way street signs at the end of Duvall and Wall streets. Warden Bonessi said Jim Mallico to look into and that the signs have been missing for two years. A discussion followed.

Toni Evangelista of 15 Wall St wanted to know if the Borough would consider installing Kayak racks. Warden Bonessi said yes, and that he had suggested it when he held the position of burgess and that there are many concerns about installing them. Warden Bonessi suggested asking the city to install them on the city beach, to call was either public works or parks and creation. A discussion followed.

Report of the Tax Collector

No Report.

Report of the Warden

Warden Bonessi reported:

- Making sure the irrigation system is up and running
- Keeping up with delinquent tax payments
- People complaining about moving the port-a-potties at Doolittle Park
- Making new keys for Borough Hall
- Bob Kish to straighten out some electrical issues at Doolittle Park
- Working with zoning officer about 6 & 12 Anderson Ave complaints
- Working with Clerk Guelakis for the redesign of the Borough website

Report of the Constable

Constable Donna Mallico submitted the following report for: JUNE 29 - JULY 1 2018

- **6/29 - (Eve)** 1 Parking ticket, 1 Fire Assist, 1 Police assist (out of Borough)
- **6/30 - (Day & Eve)** 5 Parking tickets, 1 Verbal warning, 1 Fire assist, 1 Police assist (out of Borough) Accident New Haven Ave.

- **07/01** - 3 Parking tickets, 1 Police assist (In Borough) problem gone on arrival. Conversated with residences.
- **Gas \$40.00**

Report of the Clerk.

No Report.

Report of the Treasurer

Committee Reports:

Planning & Zoning

No Report.

Police & Safety

Burgess Graham reported that she made the police aware of parking issues, and we were able to register the police car since municipalities are not required to have a car title.

House

Burgess Rockwell reported the Hartford Steam Boiler Company will be testing our heating system next week.

Warden Bonessi said that he mapped and marked out the irrigation system with the help of a drone service. Going forward, all tent rentals and installations will only be done by party city, they are aware of the system and will responsible for the proper install of tents. A discussion followed concerning upcoming Borough Hall reservations, exceptions for tent rentals, and movie night.

Lightings

No Report.

Beaches

Warden Bonessi reported that Jim Mallico cleaned-up the Anderson Ave beach. We are looking into what and where we can make changes. Working with DEEP and other channels to find out.

Public Works

Jim Mallico said that:

- Put up 2 parking signs
- Storm drain
- Chaucer court cul-de-sac storm drain pipe collapsed and has been repaired
- Catch basin at the end of Clinton has been replaced
- Will be finishing two driveway patches on the Borough Hall driveway

Finance

Burgess Schmeisser asked if the Warden's letter went out requesting our grant check and to please call if we do not receive it.

Library

No Report.

Beautification

No Report.

Approval of Bills

Bills are going around.

Old Business

- Approval of WARA antenna plan
 - Tabled until the next meeting
- Ordinance for using organic products on Borough Property

Warden Bonessi said that after several discussions, we have come to a meeting of the minds. We will be taking an integrated approach to pest management and I have instructed that only organics be used along the Borough shoreline properties, and we are going to hold steadfast to the manual removal of weeds along the shoreline. We are looking at what is used as a part of an integrated plan.

Burgess Wagner explained a curative approach that should be used and that we should not use the current preventative four step approach with Turf Masters. The curative approach is also a scheduled approach and we will review this for what products they will be using. Warden Bonessi said that we will cancel our current contract and start with the curative approach or chemicals as needed only. A discussion followed.

Burgess Wagner Motioned to adopt a policy of integrated pest management for all Borough Properties, seconded by Burgess Graham, and the Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

• Fence Along Back Line of Borough Hall Property

Burgess Rockwell Motioned to amend the agenda for a discussion and for the approval for funding of a new fence to border the back line of the Borough Hall property, seconded by Burgess Graham, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Burgess Schmeisser gave an overview for the purpose and need for a fence along the back line of the Borough Hall property. A discussion about the fence and any zoning issues.

Warden Bonessi talked about a survey conducted by Codespoti and Associates on the Borough Hall property. The survey was conducted and then Codespoti and Associates gave their opinion that building a barn on the property would exceed the square footage permitted by zoning. Warden Bonessi said that he told Codespoti and Associates that we are a municipality and that we can build the barn due to our status, and that we hired them to conduct a survey, not for their opinion. Codespoti and Associates went around us by going to city hall to inform them of their opinion that caused the Borough to hire our Borough attorney to prove otherwise. Warden Bonessi said that we will never hire them again.

Burgess Rockwell Motioned to approve funding of a new fence to border the back line of the Borough Hall property for \$7,115.00, seconded by Burgess Schmeisser, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Freeholders II.

Josh Gold of 4 Chapel Street thanked the Board for moving so quickly on the use of organics and continued to say that he understands that some people would prefer putting greens versa safe areas to walk on.

- At 8:52 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.

Minutes taken by William Guelakis
Woodmont Clerk