

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT
Minutes of the Board of Warden & Burgesses
June 4, 2018

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, June 4, 2018 at Woodmont Borough Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Warden Bonessi at 8:00 P.M. In attendance were Burgesses: John Barrett, Kelley Graham, Robert Kish, 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 May 7, 2018 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Burgess Wagner made a Motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Burgess Graham, and the Motion passed five burgesses in agreement with one abstention.

Freeholders I

Carleen Olderman of 10 Dixon Street said that the city has not cut the grass next door at the school. Warden Bonessi said that he would call the public works director Christopher Saley concerning the matter. Carleen Olderman said that the sidewalks in front of the library are crumbling and that can something be done about it. Warden Bonessi requested that Jim Mallico to give an estimate to repair.

Tony Evangelista of 15 Wall Street wanted to know if there were any regulations against using a golf cart. Warden Bonessi responded by saying that the Borough does not. Tony Evangelista said that the City of Milford, following state guidelines, requires that you have a driver's license, be over 18 years of age, that you do not exceed 30 miles per hour, and the cart must have a flag, and you cannot take it on a road with a posted speed limit over 25 miles per hour. Warden Bonessi requested that Constable Mallico and Burgess Graham inform the Borough patrol of the use of a golf cart. Tony Evan

Josh Gold of 4 Chapel Street wanted to know what our lawn people put down on the Borough grass and said that he understands that chemicals are used. Josh Gold said the Borough should set an example using only organic products or do not use anything.

Claire Zeidenberg of 6 Dunbar requested that something be done about tag sale signs that are not removed from utility poles after a reasonable amount of time after the sale. Claire Zeidenberg wanted to know if the Borough can do something about this. Warden Bonessi asked Burgess Wagner to look into any zoning regulations applicable to this situation.

Vicki Pelham of 8 Dixon Street said that down by signal rock there was never any sand covering the sidewalk, but now it is always covered with sand. Warden Bonessi said that technically that is the home owner's responsibility, but that we will take care of it. Vicki Pelham said that at the corner of Clinton and Beach, concerning the lip from the sidewalk onto the street, that the handicap ramp asphalt needs to be repaired to eliminate it.

Report of the Tax Collector

Tax Collector Lynn Foss said that she is waiting for the grand list and a letter from Warden Bonessi to be inserted with the tax mailing.

Report of the Warden

Warden Bonessi reported that:

- Treasure Robert Listorti has the check for Apple Valley Irrigation, they came in the second lowest bid, but have agreed to extras
- Ed Rhodes of WARA said that some folks have discussed having a movie night. Royalties have come into question. Warden Bonessi said that he would like to have an event committee having the folks from WARA, CERT, WRCA getting involved. We will be able to get three movies, and we need to decide when to show them, and we have to put some material on side of the garage to act as a screen. We can do this for \$300/movie. Warden Bonessi said he would like the WCRA to partially fund this. Have reached out to them but have not heard back from them. Having this building and having a sense of community would be great. A discussion followed.
- Warden Bonessi requested that Burgess Rockwell have a property ordinance in place by our next meeting. A discussion followed.
- Warden Bonessi said that we still do not have no parking signs in front of Borough Hall and asked that Burgess Graham follow up on this issue. Also, the no parking sign at the end of Anderson Ave is missing. Burgess Schmeisser said that folks are parking in the wrong direction on Belmont St and would like additional no parking signs facing in that direction, Warden Bonessi said to call the police. A discussion followed.
- Warden Bonessi said that he would like to close our bank account and credit cards with Citizens Bank. Webster Bank exceeds what we are giving them for business. The lock box service has allowed us to track of who is paying taxes and not, we are part time, and this has been labor intensive which we do not have time for. The bank updates everything for us which requires a minimal deposit which we do not have. I would like to close the Citizen Bank account and spit it between Webster and Milford banks. We will open municipal credit card account with Webster Bank that will automatically give us tax exempt status for purchases. A discussion followed.
- Warden Bonessi asked if WRCA paid their electric bill, Burgess Barrett responded that it has been paid.

Report of the Constable

Report Submitted by Constable Mallico.

5/25 – (EVE) 1 Parking ticket, 1 assist in Borough, checks of parks, Village Rd & beaches

5/26 – (EVE) 1 assist in Borough, 1 complaint of juveniles smoking and drinking in the park incident unfounded, no parking violations

5/27 – (EVE) 1 assist out of Borough, checks of Borough Hall, Beach Ave, Doolittle Park.

5/28 – (EVE) 3 Parking tickets, 1 Assist outside Borough, (MV accident Merwin and Rock Ln.), checks of parks and beaches.

Gas 5/26 \$25.00

Report of the Clerk.

No Report.

Report of the Treasurer

Tax Collector Lynn Foss is waiting for the grand list and a letter from the Warden to be inserted with the tax mailing.

Committee Reports:

Planning & Zoning

Warden Bonessi submitted three blight reports to the City of Milford.

Police & Safety

No Report.

House

Burgess Rockwell reported:

- Seconded trash can has been ordered from the city
- Pest Waste Signs are up, hope owners are doing better
- Distributed tax-exempt forms
- Jay Hannon and I looked at shelving for the back bedroom for the donated photographs. We are receiving more and more historical items and we should set up a historical committee.

Lightings

Burgess Kish said he has looked into the removal of the two poles being left in the laydown area. We are authorized to cut one up by the UI and it was suggested that we contact Frontier Communications if they own the pole at the triangle. If not, we will cut it up.

Beaches

Burgess Kish said that the beach racking and grading has been completed on the category G beach. Concerning the Anderson Ave Beach, the survey has been issued, and the Coastal Jurisdiction Line is actually further out in the water than I expected. I have an appointed concerning does and don'ts of what we can do with DEEP. I am suggesting that we perform the basics for cleaning up the beach. A discussion followed.

Public Works

Jim Mallico said that he is keeping an eye on the two catch basins on Village Rd and at the end of Clinton St. Burgess Barrett said that a catch basin in the grass at 2 Beach Ave has collapsed.

Finance

Burgess Schmeisser said that we have \$39,000 left in the city operating account to carry us to the end of our fiscal year. Warden Bonessi said he is ready to send a letter to request our grant money but wants to wait until we are covered by our own insurance policy. Burgess Barrett said we have to sign with a start date of July 1, 2018.

Library

No Report.

Beautification

No Report.

Approval of Bills

Bills are going around.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- Lost Property Ordinance
 - Stricken from the Agenda
- Irrigation Bid Authorization
 - Stricken from the Agenda
- Approval of WARA antenna plan
 - Tabled until the next meeting

Burgess Barrett Motioned to Amend the agenda to authorize the Warden to coordinate with other groups to create a move night with \$900.00 from Borough reserves, seconded by Burgess Schmeisser, and the Motion carried unanimously.

Burgess Barrett Motioned to authorize the Warden to coordinate with other groups to create a move night with \$900.00 from Borough reserves, seconded by Burgess Wagner, and the Motion carried unanimously.

Burgess Barrett Motioned to Amend the agenda authorizing the Warden, Clerk, and Treasurer to open an account(s) at Webster Bank and to take out committee credit cards. Burgess Schmeisser amended the Motion to include Milford Bank, seconded by Burgess Rockwell and the Motion carried unanimously.

Burgess Barrett Motioned to authorize the Warden, Clerk, and Treasurer to open an account(s) at Webster and Milford Banks, and to take out committee credit cards, seconded by Burgess Schmeisser, and the Motion carried unanimously.

Freeholders II.

Hearing None.

- At 9:03 P.M. Warden Bonessi entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Rockwell, seconded by Burgess Wagner and the Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by William Guelakis
Woodmont Clerk