

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT
Minutes of the Board of Warden & Burgesses
June 5, 2017

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, June 5, 2017 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: Clerk Wm. Guelakis, Constable Donna Mallico, and Beautification Committee Chair Pat Del Vecchio.

Initiate of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

The May 1, 2017 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Burgess Barrett made a Motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Burgess Wagner, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Freeholders I

Pat Del Vecchio of 56 Mark St said congratulations to all who made the Dedication Ceremony possible and so lovely. Thank you for all your time and attention.

Report of the Tax Collector

No Report.

Report of the Warden

Warden Bonessi reported that:

- Jim Fredda brought up the need for additional supplies and a discussion followed on how best to purchase them going forward
- Letter of resignation from Susan Kopsco – send thank you letter in return
- Once again thanks to everyone that contributed to getting the dedication over the finish line!
- Finished most Borough Hall interior decorations, minor construction/painting and landscaping.
- **Dedication Take-a-ways**
 - Need at least another electric circuit in kitchen
 - Door stops; 1 rear entrance door, kitchen, storage room
 - Kitchen high grab step stool
 - Dish rack
 - 4 – pump thermos dispensers
 - 1 – thermos decanter for cream
 - 1 – extra coffee pot
 - Another trash barrel
 - Recycle barrel bottles and cans – blue
 - AED bracket

- Warden Bonessi recommended that Kelley Cummings be reimbursed for the soup warmer
- I have received numerous requests for Founder's Patio bricks both before and during the dedication and feel we need to open up applications again once we decide on the process and close applications on August 1st.
- Also, would like to look into displaying and selling Historic Woodmont Photos on website along with Katie's book.
- Informed Woodmont Day Committee that we will be doing construction in the Barn starting in August and they would need to relocation temporarily their items in storage for about 30 to 60 days.
- It was suggested that the Borough Hall grounds look into Movie Nights this summer. I have spoken with Ed Rhodes who seemed very interested in taking on the project with WCRA and perhaps even WFC setting up a CERT table...or Touch A Chuck!
- City Budget approved... but we are waiting to see what comes of the shortfall form the state funds.
- A discussion on infrastructure ownership within the Borough took place.

Report of the Constable

No Report.

Report of the Clerk.

No Report.

Report of the Treasurer

No Report.

Committee Reports:

Planning & Zoning

No Report.

Police & Safety

Burgess Graham reported that Borough patrols started Memorial weekend and will continue on Fridays and Saturdays for June.

House

Burgess Rockwell reported the plumber will be looking at the Borough Hall sub pumps and that THP is willing to fix most problems but not the fire system. A discussion followed lead by Burgess Kish.

Lighting

Burgess Schmeisser noticed that many phone poles in the Borough have marked with white Xs and wanted to know why. Burgess Barrett explained the utility pole replacement and relocation process.

Beaches

Burgess Kish reported that three options for Crescent beach were brought up at the Erosion Board meeting held at Borough Hall last month and there appears to be no funding available in the near future.

Public Works

Warden Bonessi reported that sidewalk grinding was applied to sidewalks along anchor beach and all sidewalks are even. A discussion followed.

Finance

Burgess Schmeisser reported that we have a small balance in the city operating account with \$32K in the reserve account for this month and \$153K in the Borough Reserve account. We have a \$23K rebate and Borough taxes and city rebate for \$235K coming in July.

Library

Burgess Wagner reported that Susan Kopsco has retired as library director and Carmen Corvino has agreed to take over for now.

Beautification

Pat Del Vecchio reported:

- Founder's Patio has been completed.
- All 16 benches currently placed along Beach Ave are Memorial Benches with plaques installed. 6 benches available for plaques: 3 at Kings Highway Park, 1 to be placed at Spencer St. Right of Way, and two at the beach at the West Haven line.
- All 22 benches have been painted and repaired before the Memorial Day deadline.
- 22nd bench will be moved from behind Hall to Spencer St. right of way.
- All gardens are complete with exception of fir tree needed in New Haven Ave sign bed.
- 3 Beach Access signs have been given to E and D Landscaping to install as are the No Dumping Signs.
- Last project to be completed this year will be replacement of damage barrel at Anchor Beach and continuation of barrels along beach line to connect two areas of shoreline.
- **Recommendations:**
 - Announcement be made through email system that "No additional adornments of any kind (plants, trees, garlands, ribbons, etc.) will be allowed on or near Memorial Benches once initial dedications have been completed and will be removed if found in bench areas."
 - Announcement be made of Opening of Sales for more brick dedications be for a short duration with specific deadline and be published soon.

Approval of Bills

Bills are going around.

Unfinished Business

None.

Old Business

- Approval of Bids for A/C System

Burgess Kish Motioned to remove the agenda item Approval of Bids for A/C System from old business, seconded by Burgess Graham and the Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Burgess Barrett Motioned to amend the Agenda to have a letter authorizing Burgess Kish to contract for the Borough with the United Illuminating Company to install light fixtures, seconded by Burgess Schmeisser, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Burgess Barrett Motioned to approve a letter authorizing Burgess Kish to contract for the Borough with the United Illuminating Company to install light fixtures, seconded by Burgess Rockwell, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Freeholders II.

Hearing None.

- At 9:01 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