

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT
31 Clinton Street
Woodmont, CT 06460
MEETING OF BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESS
May 4, 2015

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, May 4, 2015 at the Richard J. Austin Borough Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Warden Bonessi at 8:43 P.M. In attendance were Burgesses, John Barrett, Kelley Graham, Frank Luysterborghs, Chuck Rockwell, Christopher Schmeisser, and Barbara Wagner.

Also present were: Auditors Lynda Casey and Branden Casey, Clerk Wm. Guelakis, Custodian Joe Rogers, and Treasurer Robert Listorti.

Pledge of Allegiance

Warden Bonessi thanked everyone elected and appointment for their time, it is a difficult task and I appreciate it. We are better prepared for a disaster than we were six years ago after being faced with two hurricanes, three blizzards, a host of other things and it hasn't been easy.

Approval of Minutes

The April 6, 2015 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Burgess Barrett made a Motion to approve the minutes seconded by Burgess Schmeisser, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Freeholders I

Elizabeth Reznik of 19 Beach Ave wanted to know what was going to happen with the rocks on their beach. They were told that they would be taken off the beach. Warden Bonessi responded that there are some logistical issues: the borough's permit does not extend past the Bonsilene St groin; pushing gravel over the groin is not feasible and either a ramp over the groin or other means is needed; liability issue of the borough working on private property; Horseshoe Crab spooning season runs from May 1 thru September 30th, so all work had to be completed by April 30th; issues with communicating with city public works; we will put together an agenda for the June meeting. Elizabeth Reznik stated that some of the home owners have one to two feet of rocks in front of our houses and wanted to talk to the DEEP. Warden Bonessi to provide the information off line.

Kristina Sancher of 13 Beach Ave asked Warden Bonessi to review exactly what the extent of the Borough's permit on the beach and Warden Bonessi explained. Kristina Sancher then responded that she has moved 23 wheel barrows of rocks down with the other rocks. Warden Bonessi responded that is great, and then asked why nobody complained when sand was brought up by on the beach by storm Beth back when we did not have any sand on our beaches? Kristina Sancher responded that Warden Bonessi was mistaken since she had photographs. A discussion followed on the consequences of nature, hydraulic movement of sand, and sand replenishment projects of the past. Burgess Schmeisser explained the reasoning for the Army Corps of

Engineering for the use of gravel, rocks, and boulders in terms of hydraulic movement.

Alan Reznik of 19 Beach Ave stated that the Board represents the Borough and that Warden Bonessi is representing the Army Corps of Engineers that has done something wrong. Instead we need to have the Borough go back to the Army Corps of Engineers and ask that they review what they did and that the outcome of their work has resulted in having rocks being moved onto private beaches due to Mother Nature. Alan Reznik drew a comparison between the flow of fluids in a tube where there is additional friction on the outer circumference and less leading to an increased flow in the middle; the Army Corps of Engineers created a straight beach between the groins and Mother Nature will make that curve between them no matter what and the rocks will go over the sides. I ask that the Borough represent us and ask that the Army Corps of Engineers review their work and see if something can be done about this. Burgess Barrett suggested to Warden Bonessi to have the city survey the beach to show the movement of material to show to the Army Corps of Engineers and Warden Bonessi agreed.

Laura Kaplan of 17 Beach Ave said that she agreed with everything said concerning the beach.

Norman Kaplan of 17 Beach Ave that he agreed with everything said concerning the beach.

Tina Dellavalle of 135 Kings Highway said that she is in agreement that the Borough government needs to represent us. I come here first and I do not get answers and then I have to take charge of issues myself. Tina Dellavalle was complained that the Borough did not get the budget into the city government in time. Warden Bonessi explained what Tina Dellavalle read was a misinformed statement by a city alderman. Burgess Schmeisser explained what the situation and circumstances were. Tina Dellavalle said that Mayor Blake informed her that Kings Highway is a state highway and that the state should pay for new curbs. Burgess Barrett said that Mayor Blake must be mistaken since Kings Highway is not a state highway and that New Haven Ave is a state highway.

Pat Dell Vecchio of 59 Mark St said since the bus no longer runs through Mark St that she would like to have parking permitted on both sides of the street, we could use the additional spaces. Warden Bonessi said that he would talk with her offline and that this would require a fair amount of work to include the conducting of a traffic study by the police department to start.

Report of the Tax Collector

No Report.

Report of the Warden

Warden Bonessi reported:

- Election was a lot of work, going forward we should have a list of necessary forms required by the Secretary of the State that had been previously provided by Annette Carey.
- Tried to contact the city engineer concerning grading of the beach and hardening of the rip rap area.

- Trying to figure out the cost of street cleaning and what we will have left for paving or patching of the Borough's roads.

Report of the Constable

No Report

Report of the Clerk

No Report.

Report of the Treasurer

| May 4, 2015 Disbursements | | | |
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| BOROUGH | | LIBRARY | |
| Donna Mallico | \$46.17 | Cash | \$300.00 |
| Donna Mallico | \$46.18 | Barbara Wagner | \$21.26 |
| Joseph Rogers | \$115.44 | Brodart Co | \$21.64 |
| Lynn Foss | \$675.00 | TOTAL | \$342.90 |
| Ed Bonessi | \$74.10 | | |
| Richard Carey | \$400.00 | | |
| Hilary Fried | \$150.00 | | |
| Tom Toigo | \$150.00 | | |
| Pat Delvecchio | \$150.00 | BUILDING COMMITTEE | |
| Jacqueline Honek | \$150.00 | Silver Petrucelli & Assoc Inc | \$2,440.00 |
| United Illum. Co. | \$146.40 | Bill Guelakis | \$100.00 |
| United Illum. Co. | \$335.38 | TOTAL | \$2,540.00 |
| United Illum. Co. | \$86.80 | | |
| So Conn Gas | \$108.55 | | |
| So Conn Gas | \$495.33 | | |
| Cablevision | \$94.90 | | |
| Frontier | \$96.98 | | |
| Land & Sea Security | \$78.00 | | |
| TOTAL | \$3,399.23 | | |

Committee Reports:**Planning & Zoning**

Burgess Wagner reported that Pat Fitz Patrick of 11 Clinton Street still has not received any clarification from the building department. The Berkovich's seem to be happy with his efforts to address his concerns. Burgess Barrett discussed the policy on road abandonment and that he placed a hold on 11 Clinton Street folder so that a permit will not be issued without the Borough's consent.

Police & Safety

Burgess Graham reported that the patrol car is ready. According to the officer DeVito, they only provided coverage on Saturday and Sunday. Warden Bonessi stressed that we need coverage on Friday nights and on Monday for Memorial weekend.

House

Burgess Rockwell reported the building committee meeting for this evening has been cancelled to the Borough election. Concerning the roof at 128 Kings Highway, the snow this winter damaged the roof this year. The roof had been inspected and no problems were indicated. We are looking to FEMA since other municipalities had damage due this winter's snow and are doing the same.

Lighting

No report

Beaches

Burgess Luysterborghs reported that the gravel regarding between Bonsilene St and Belmont St has been completed. The area between Belmont St and Dunbar Rd will start next week.

Public Works

Warden Bonessi we have already covered.

Finance

Burgess Schmeisser said that we will receive the same grant from the city as last year and that we are looking for different ways to get help from the city.

Library

Burgess Wagner reported that the bookcases have been installed, the floors look great and would like to give a gift to the volunteer who installed the bookcases.

Beautification

Reported by Pat Del Vecchio:

Borough is cleaned and ready for Memorial Day weekend opening.

- 21 benches repaired and repainted. (\$128.02)
- Railings are repainted.
- 7 areas cleaned, planted and mulched.

Rosemary Ct., New Haven Ave, Anderson Ave., Chapel St, Village Rd., Abigail St. and Beach Ave.

Budgeted \$2200, Spent \$1506.80, Saved \$650, Balance of Beautification Line Item: \$1493.02 if not deducted from city side.

Additional fall plants and spring bulbs will be planted in existing beds in Fall.**Possible plantings at Fire House Hall with remainder of line item.**

- 6 new tops for trashcans with chain kits ordered, delivery in 3 weeks. (\$747.10 from City side of budget)
- 1 new barrel damaged at Anchor Beach, will try to repair.
- Need return of our painted beige barrels.

- 2 End of road signs replace and 2 more being readied.
- Asked Jim Mallico to remove graffiti from Chapel St. sign.
- Special Thank yous to Tom Toigo and Ken Sabol for all their volunteer work on these projects and to Jim Mallico and E and D Landscaping for their help and support.

Approval of Bills

Bills are in circulation.

Unfinished Business

None

Old Business

- **128 Kings Highway Roof**

Warden Bonessi reported that information had been submitted to FEMA for damages to the roof from snowstorms. They want additional information on our STEAP grant and insurance policy. Still waiting on additional bids.

New Business

Freeholders II

Tina Dellavalle 135 Kings Highway questioned if the tarps on the roof of 128 Kings Highway were secure enough so that additional debris would not come off the building. Burgess Rockwell stated that they should be alright.

Outstanding Items

None

- At 9:41 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.

Minutes taken by William Guelakis
Woodmont Clerk