

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT
 128 Kings Highway
 Woodmont, CT 06460
MEETING OF BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESS
May 7, 2018

Call to Order by Warden Ed Bonessi at 8:01 P.M.

In attendance were Burgesses Kelly Graham, Bob Kish, Chuck Rockwell, Christopher Schmeisser, and Barbara Wagner.

Also present were: Tax Collector Lynn Foss, Treasurer Robert Listorti, Jim Mallico, Public Works and Pat Del Vecchio as Substitute Clerk/Beautification Chair.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Burgess Rockwell, Seconded by Burgess Wagner to approve the April 2, 2018 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Freeholders I: None.

Report of the Tax Collector

Tax Collector Foss reported unpaid tax notices for 2014 and prior years have been sent out notifying those in arrears.

Warden Bonessi explained history and billing process. All property owners owing taxes of \$500.00 or more from prior to and including 2014 have been turned over to Attorney Cohen for collection and owners will have 14 weeks to make payment. Discussion followed.

Burgess Schmeisser raised question of depositing City of Milford check into Borough account. Discussion followed. Warden Bonessi, Burgess Schmeisser and Treasurer Listorti will do so this week.

Burgess Rockwell questioned payment for registering patrol car. Discussion followed and Warden will check to see if payment is waived for vehicle.

Report of the Warden

Warden Bonessi reported that he went in over prepared to Board of Alderman finance hearing! Requested \$235,000 and compromised at \$233,000. Will see what BoA approves.

Warden Bonessi also informed the Board of Burgesses that we are currently paying into the city's CIRMA policy at a rate that has tripled over 15 years and now exceeds \$30,000. John received self-insurance quotes that were reasonable, but we are going back with a request for greater coverage with a higher deductible.

Warden Bonessi said thanks to "Eagle Eye Rockwell": SCGC Security Deposit issue. Treasurer Listorti to call SCG for will call to request the \$2,300 refund of security deposit from SCGC

Warden Bonessi announced that he would like to see an ordinance drafted about Lost property or the Re-claiming of property lost or found on Borough property. Burgess Rockwell can take the lead for June meeting.

The Warden also reminded the Board that June would begin the summer schedule of two meetings a month on the first and third Mondays and thanked Burgess Kish for going above and beyond to solve HVAC and other House issues.

Report of the Constable:

Constable Donna Mallico sent report that patrol car's battery has been charged and vehicle will be ready for Memorial Day.

Report of the Clerk: Clerk Guelakis. No report.

Report of the Treasurer:

Treasurer Listorti reported checks were going around for approval and signatures.

DISBURSEMENTS MAY 2018

BOROUGH OPERATING FUND		LIBRARY	
Lynn Foss (Payroll)	\$550.00	Carmen Corvino (Reimbursement)	\$663.87
Teddi Mickus (Payroll)	\$217.50	Frontier	\$66.42
James Freda (Payroll)	\$207.99	Demco	\$84.01
Debbie Ellis (Security Deposit Return)	\$200.00	TOTAL	\$814.30
So Conn Gas (Borough Hall)	\$304.17		
Optimum (Borough Hall)	\$111.82		
King King & Assoc CPA's (Audit)	\$1,700.00		
United Illum Co (Borough Hall)	\$391.02		
TOTAL	\$3,682.50		
CITY OPERATING FUND			
Mallico Paving (Public Works)	\$14,710.00		
United Illum Co (Street Lights)	\$1,563.48		
Mallico Paving (Public Works)	\$4,770.00		
King King & Assoc CPA's (Audit)	\$1,700.00		
TOTAL	\$22,743.48		

Committee Reports:

Planning & Zoning:

Burgess Wagner reported 162 Kings Highway on the corner of Beach Avenue had no work orders filed and owners have not pursued subdividing property. Discussion followed with Warden Bonessi commenting on possibility of including this property under the Blight Ordinance. Burgess Wagner also reported that 5 Chapel Street has also received complaints under this same ordinance. Additionally, fence at 12 Anderson Avenue was illegal per Zoning Enforcement Officer and that blight on property was still continuing. Warden Bonessi will contact Mayor and Planning and Zoning to pursue issues. Also, under discussion was the addition of another unit to the Affordable Housing project at 1613 New Haven Avenue, bringing total to 8 units. The Warden will request more information.

Police & Safety:

Burgess Graham reported No Parking signage would be installed or replaced at 29 Dixon Street, Kings Highway and Anderson Avenue.

House:

Burgess Rockwell reported he was reviewing water usage statements. He also requested more garbage cans or a dumpster for use for catered events. Discussion followed. Warden will get another 70-gallon trashcan. Burgess Rockwell also requested Pet signage be installed on Borough Hall Field. Warden Bonessi asked Public Works Jim Mallico to install signs stored in the Borough garage.

Lighting:

Burgess Kish stated two telephone poles were still on the ground and UI would be contacted to have them removed.

Beaches:

Burgess Bob Kish reported the Winter Storm Season was moderate. Beach maintenance and cleanup will be minimal this season and will be completed before the DEEP mandated timeframe. Jay Hannon has agreed to sift out rock above the MHV on Middle Beach, Clinton Street to Bonsilene Street, for \$1500 and will work directly with Jim Mallico to smooth gravel mounds. All beach cleaning, grading and grooming will be completed before the Memorial Day holiday. He also updated on Anderson Avenue stating surveyor work began on April 24, 2018 and a report is expected by the middle of May.

Public Works:

Warden Bonessi reported the catch basin on Village Road would be repaired, sensor and light at Doolittle Park have been purchased and that the Borough would be assuming payment for power usage at the park. Warden Bonessi said that street sweeping has been completed, that all potholes have been patched. All landscaping throughout the Borough has been completed except for the mulching. In addition, 6 bids were received for irrigation system on the Borough field and surrounding grounds. Discussion followed with Burgess Schmeisser making a motion, seconded by Burgess Rockwell, to approve \$6600 for contract to be decided by the Warden and Burgess Wagner from one of the two lowest bidders. Motion passed unanimously thus completing an Old Business item.

Finance:

Burgess Schmeisser reported there was \$8000 left in City Funds and recommended transferring Borough Funds to account to cover overages from snow removal.

Library:

Burgess Wagner reported she was submitting a check to the Borough from Barnes and Noble fundraiser for the Library in the amount of \$1086.93. Warden Bonessi congratulated all involved, especially noting Carmen Corvino's efforts.

Beautification Committee:

Chair Pat Del Vecchio reported all benches have been checked and painted as needed, gardens and grass areas have been cleaned by E and D Landscapers, 5 hydrangea plants are to be ordered to replace any that did not survive the winter, and one lid and chain has been stolen from trashcan near Dunbar Street and will be replaced.

Approval of Bills: Completed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Burgess Rockwell motioned, seconded by Burgess Wagner, to amend the agenda to include upgrade to kitchen's electrical system. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion followed with Burgess Kish explaining the need and what was needed. Motion made by Burgess Schmeisser, seconded by Burgess Wagner, to approve all electrical upgrades using \$2100 from Borough Funds. Motion passed unanimously.

For the Good of the Borough:

Burgess Wagner presented a First Aid Kit to the Board on the behalf of Woodmont Fire Company. The Board expressed their appreciation of the gift.

Burgess Rockwell presented the Warden with a copy of the *State Register and Manual 1904* for the Borough, which includes mentions of Woodmont and its history. The Warden expressed his appreciation and explained its historic significance.

Freeholders II: None.

Adjournment:

Motion made to adjourn at 9:01 P.M. by Burgess Graham, seconded by Burgess Wagner. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Pat Del Vecchio, substituting for Woodmont Clerk William Guelakis.