

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT
31 Clinton Street
Woodmont, CT 06460
MEETING OF BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESS
November 2, 2015

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, November 2, 2015 at the Richard J. Austin Borough Hall.

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

Also present were: Beautification Committee Chair Pat Del Vecchio, Constable Donna Mallico, Clerk Wm. Guelakis, and Treasurer Robert Listorti.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

The October 5, 2015 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Burgess Wagner made a Motion to approve the minutes seconded by Burgess Rockwell, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Freeholders I

Hearing None.

Report of the Tax Collector

Submitted by Tax Collector Tina Della Vella

Tax Collector Report: 11/2/2015

Tax Bills 2015 sent out via QDS on 6/29: \$139,054.14

1. TO DATE: Current balance in Webster Account is \$ **Current Balance \$6,218.10**
 - This figure does not represent payments made on line (Lynn Foss, bookkeeper, will give me that figure at the end of the month)
 - **Payments winding down:** Late Payments started to come in – envelopes saved

Updates

1. **29 Wall Street: 11/2 Update:** \$1,325.25 received and deposited (and uploaded to QDS)
Short sale. Countless emails and phone calls as the realtor and attorney did a title search and discovered only 2 Liens (2010); however, the property owners have not made any payments since then. Total amount owed is \$1312.98 (Screen Shot from Borough Website is below). **9/28:** Spoke with Gerry Weiner and sent escrow letter and Release of Lien Notice for his review. He made one change. **10/2:** Sent Letter and Release of Lien to Attorney Brian Stone. Closings still not scheduled.
2. **6 Beach Avenue:** \$195.00 received and deposited and uploaded to QDS: **Lynn has copy of Batch via email**
3. **61 Chapel Street** \$156.00 received and deposited and uploaded to QDS: **Lynn has copy of Batch via email**

4. **82 Hawley Lane**” \$218.29 received and deposited (LATE), not uploaded into QDS: **Lynn, can you upload these?**
5. **18 B Chapel Street** \$131.73 received and deposited (LATE) not uploaded into QDS **Lynn, can you upload these**

ON GOING

**** 11/2: We should be ready to send out intent to lien notices in the next 2 weeks!**

Intent to Lien Notices to be sent via QDS: \$109,957.69 owed to Borough of Woodmont (\$333.22 -NOT INCLUDING COPIES OF LETTERS) **Last Lien filed was 2010**

2014 Checks Never deposited (3): 1 only outstanding

Waiting on Brandon Pepe: \$77.23

Report of the Warden

Warden Bonessi said that he meet with the city fire marshal and captain, whom have offered their support, to appeal to the state fire commissioner to reduce the required number of new fire doors for the new Borough hall from five to two.

Warden Bonessi reported that he has spent a considerable amount of time working with city aldermen men and public works, and that we are going to submit paperwork to request an additional \$192,000 to be included in our city grant for paving and catch basins for a total grant of \$452,000. Warden Bonessi said that we have been spending our reserve money on things that we should not be spending it on. We need to submit enough detail for city object codes for budget purposes, along with past audits and payables to be as transparent as possible. Warden Bonessi would like everyone to call the mayor and aldermen before the budget goes through since we ae not receiving enough money from the city. Warden Bonessi will be submitting a BR1 form to the city.

Report of the Constable

No Report.

Report of the Clerk.

No Report.

Report of the Treasurer

NOVEMBER 2, 2015 DISBURSEMENTS

BOROUGH		LIBRARY	
James Freda		Frontier	\$45.05
E&D Landscaping	\$195.00	TOTAL	\$45.05
Robert Listorti	\$29.40		
United Illuminating Co.	\$130.94		
United Illuminating Co.	\$83.24		
Citizen's Bank	\$63.47		
Land & Sea Security	\$78.00		
Lynn Foss	\$950.00		

Optimum	\$94.90
So Conn Gas Co	\$83.10
So Conn Gas Co	\$74.42
Tim's Auto	\$30.01
United Illuminating Co.	\$418.41
TOTAL	\$2,346.43

CITY

Mallico Paving Co	\$19,634.20
E&D Landscaping	\$2,120.00
Turf Master LLC	\$683.00
United Illuminating Co	\$2,501.50
TOTAL	\$24,938.70

Committee Reports:

Planning & Zoning

Burgess Wagner reported:

At the 10/13/2015 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting the Micceri family at 108 Beach Avenue were denied without prejudice on their appeal to put signage and a fence on the their property.

At the 10/20/2015 Planning and Zoning meeting the board kept the public hearing open on the 1613 New Haven Avenue affordable housing project pending an independent traffic study and some landscape changes. Under a new city ordinance the applicant will pay for the expert hired by the city.

Senator Gayle Slossberg will be holding an informational workshop on the affordable housing appeals process Monday November 9, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the Woodmont Borough Hall.

Police & Safety

Burgess Graham reported that she emailed the police concerning parking on Wall Street and they responded saying that they will not restrict the parking any further.

House

Burgess Rockwell reported that we lost a wire out back during the last storm. Warden Bonessi suggested that we do not repair it since the property will be going up for sale.

Lighting

No Report.

Beaches

Burgess Luysterborghs reported that DEEP got back to Westcott & Maps for additional information for our COP application that may be good for up to 30 years.

Warden Bonessi announced that Burgess Luysterborghs is leaving and thanked him for all his help as Burgess. Warden Bonessi requested that Clerk Guelakis put out a notice concerning the Board vacancy.

Public Works

Warden Bonessi reported that he has covered mostly everything for the past month and that the water company had replaced the water main months ago on the west end of the beach on Beach Ave. We are now paying a little extra for paving to help square things off on Beach Ave., and that this patch work and not curb to curb paving.

Finance

No Report.

Library

No Report.

Beautification

Pat Del Vecchio reported that:

- Road end sign has been put it;
- Need to order a trash can top;
- The mums have been planted;
- Due to the dry weather not all the plants that we ordered were available and will be planted in the spring;
- Plaque for the next dedication has been ordered.

Approval of Bills

Bills are in circulation.

Unfinished Business

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Flagpole Replacement

Warden Bonessi reported that the current pole has been in place for seven years and that vandals had hit the pole creating a crack that appeared to be superficial that caused the pole to go down from the wind last Wednesday. Warden Bonessi said that he contacted Marvin Display that was able to find a supplier with a pole with the same diameter as ours that would cost \$775 plus installation, and that this was the quick and easiest fix.

Burgess Luysterborghs Motioned to replace the flag pole as proposed by Warden Bonessi for \$775 plus installation, seconded by Burgess Wagner, and the Motion passed with one abstention by Burgess Rockwell.

Outstanding Items

None.

Freeholders II

Pat Del Vecchio of 56 Mark St suggested that we send out a notice to the Borough concerning the Warden's request that we call the mayor and aldermen concerning his request for additional grant money. Warden Bonessi agreed and an email request and flyer will be going out.

- At 8:25 P.M. Warden Bonessi entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Wagner, seconded by Burgess Rockwell and the Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by William Guelakis
Woodmont Clerk