

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT
Minutes of the Board of Warden & Burgesses
November 6, 2017

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, November 6, 2017 at Woodmont Borough Hall.

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

Also present were: Clerk Wm. Guelakis, Treasure Robert Listorti, and Beautification Committee Chair Pat Del Vecchio.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

The October 2, 2017 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Burgess Schmeisser made a Motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Burgess Wagner, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Freeholders I

Rebecca Flynn of 30 Chaucer Ct said the Woodmont Day Committee is looking to move their equipment back into the garage, and having paid storage fees for four months and being a not for profit we are worried with the winter months coming. Warden Bonessi said that he knows that he promised the use of the garage to store their equipment, but that we have had many issues, especially financial and the work required has not been completed. When the WRCA moved their equipment into the new garage the amount space used has doubled since members had volunteered to store equipment at their homes in the past. Rebecca Flynn responded by saying that the WRCA was not sure how much longer it could pay for storage. Burgess Schmeisser suggested that if they could store less, then we could work with the WRCA. A discussion followed about equipment and space. Warden Bonessi said he is in favor of building the loft.

Susan Milne of 1630 New Haven Ave thanked Warden Bonessi, Burgess Barrett and Burgess Kish for the LED street light shields. Susan Milne said that the neon light at top of Rosemary Ct and the Anderson Ave house that's become a used car lot being used for business are ongoing issues. Burgess Wagner said that Richard Carey has been in touch with the Zoning Enforcement Board, and with the mayor and Health Department. The Board will be looking into it.

Karen McGarry of 55 Village Rd said that she is upset about the park at the end of her street and does not have a problem with children playing at the park. To me, Karen McGarry, the beauty of Woodmont is the children playing there. Warden Bonessi said there is no plan for a sign to stop children playing at the park. Warden Bonessi said there have been complaints concerning children playing roughly and not removing their soccer nets. Burgess Schmeisser said there was no consensus on not letting children use the park, but we are trying to have some discussion on the park. This is a work in progress on the use of the park. Warden Bonessi asked to have the children remove the nets and toys. Burgess Wagner said that it wouldn't make sense to seed the park with children playing at the park.

Mary Chisarik 51 Village Rd wanted to bring up the park. A young man, 6 years old, was instructed by the police to remove their nets. We need to keep in mind that the park is for the children. Warden Bonessi said the police were never summoned and no police showed up. The stories have run amuck.

Report of the Tax Collector

Tax collector Lynn Foss said that we are in the process of trying to re-coop large amounts of unpaid taxes in the Borough and we have been in contact with our attorney that specializes in back taxes.

Report of the Warden

Warden Bonessi reported:

- Patches were applied to two streets
- Catch basin has been replaced
- There will be a budget meeting with the mayor on December 11th
- Little beach damage from the storm along Anchor beach and the first 75ft of the category G beach. We can regrade the sand next spring
- Emailed the city on elevations for the Category G beach
- Received complaints concerning the park at Village and Kings Highway

Report of the Constable

No Report.

Report of the Clerk.

No Report.

Report of the Treasurer

DISBURSEMENTS NOVEMBER 2017

BOROUGH OPERATING		LIBRARY	
Jaser Masoone	\$200.00	Frontier	\$98.08
James Freda	\$207.79	Demco	\$73.75
Bill Guelakis	\$92.10	TOTAL	\$171.83
Pat DelVecchio	\$53.96		
Lynn Foss	\$625.00		
Teddi Mickus	\$330.00		
City of Milford	\$1,363.32		
Milford Photo	\$52.10		
So Conn Gas Co	\$70.91		
Tim's Auto	\$73.24		
United Illum Co	\$420.39		
Tru Green	\$1,018.83		
Harborview Electric	\$1,133.74		
Optimum	\$111.90		
TOTAL	\$5,753.28		

Committee Reports:

Planning & Zoning

Burgess Wagner reported that Richard Carey's variance request has been approved. On November 14th, a variance request for 117 Hawley Ave concerning the depth of the lot in consideration to build a house will be heard.

Police & Safety

No Report.

House

Burgess Rockwell said that the security system responded to water in the basement during the storm and the new sub pump worked.

Lightings

No Report.

Beaches

No Report.

Public Works

No Report.

Finance

Burgess Schmeisser reported that we have between 48k – 50k in city funds. We have significantly more in our Borough accounts but before we receive any more dollars from tax receipts, all expenses should be itemized.

Library

Burgess Wagner said a Halloween party was held at the library last Saturday and that the children's section has been gaining in popularity.

Beautification

No Report.

Approval of Bills

Bills are going around.

Unfinished Business

None.

Old Business

- **To eliminate the 2nd September Meeting of the Board of Warden & Burgesses**

Warden Bonessi said that he would go along with the majority but did not feel that the 2nd meeting in September was a big deal. The meeting gives the Board the opportunity to have another short meeting but this will depend on how the board feels. A discussion followed.

Warden Bonessi entertained a Motion to vote on the elimination of the 2nd September meeting of the Board of Warden & Burgesses. The Motion was made by Burgess Rockwell, seconded by Burgess Wagner and the Motion failed unanimously.

- **Amended Agenda to discuss a fee policy for the use of Borough Hall**

A discussion concerning the policy ensued and is still under consideration.

New Business

System Override Timer for the air handling unit

Burgess Kish explained that we need the equivalent of a timer to turn on the heat for an event. The heating system is set to not occupied. This is another control for the temperature controller. A discussion followed.

Freeholders II.

Laurie Fried of 16 Usher Street wanted to follow up on the WRCA discussion and donations made in the past. We haven't received money from the Borough and we are now paying for safety and sanitation and have more than made up for donations in the past.

- At 9:06 P.M. Warden Bonessi entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Schmeisser, seconded by Burgess Rockwell and the Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by William Guelakis
Woodmont Clerk