

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT
Minutes of the Board of Warden & Burgesses
September 18, 2017

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, September 18, 2017 at Woodmont Borough Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Warden Ed Bonessi at 8:03 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, Treasure Robert Listorti, and Beautification Committee Chair Pat Del Vecchio.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

The September 5, 2017 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Burgess Rockwell made a Motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Burgess Wagner, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Freeholders I

Mary Jo Kramer of 1 Dixon Street said that she wanted to compliment all of us for their service who have made the Borough what it is. Mary Jo Kramer said that she is here with two complaints.

- Mary Jo Kramer stated that she lives on the corner of Dixon and Beach. Over the years I have observed and heard, people driving around the corner and then speed along Beach Avenue. This needs to be stopped by speed bumps or elevated cross walks. I want to talk with the mayor and police departments concerning this and would like a Board member to accompany me in support of my effort. Warden Bonessi said that Burgess Graham, Police and Safety, and Constable Donna Mallico will assist her. Warden Bonessi said the police chief and fire department make the final decision on speed bumps. Warden Bonessi said that we can reach out to them and use radar with our patrols.
- Mary Jo Kramer said that she is concerned about the safety at the corner of Mervin and Chapel. At the light, it is very difficult to see when making a right hand turn due to the tall hedges, creating the need to pull out to far. Warden Bonessi asked Burgess Graham to speak with the home owner. Burgess Barrett sited line of site rules concerning this issue.
- Mary Jo Kramer said that she is hoping more attention be paid to cleaning the Beach across from the right away. Warden Bonessi that this is very labor intensive and must be done by hand and we are doing the best that we can.

Frank M. Grazioso of 27 Hawley Ave. said that he would like to support the comments made about speed bumps and would serve with Mary Jo Kramer on a committee, to start a petition, and to get this across to the mayor and board of alderman. There is a lot of traffic speeding, with some going the wrong way and with their lights off on Hawley Ave.

A discussion followed to include the use of the Borough police vehicle. Burgess Rockwell suggested that a Robo-Cop be brought into the Borough.

Report of the Tax Collector

Burgess Schmeisser said that Tax Collector Lynn Foss reported that we are at 96% of collected on current budget that may include revenues from previous years, there are still enveloped that have not

been opened. Tax Collector Lynn Foss will be sending bundles of delinquent taxes owed to the attorney and not the entire load all at once.

Report of the Warden

Warden Bonessi said that he nothing new to report since the September 5th meeting.

Report of the Constable

No Report.

Report of the Clerk.

Clerk Guelakis reported that COSTCO had a Lenovo 2in1 computer that would make a good replacement. Warden Bonessi said to purchase the new computer.

Report of the Treasurer

DISBURSEMENTS SEPTEMBER 2017

BOROUGH OPERATING		LIBRARY	
Borough of Woodmont	\$6,000.00	Frontier	\$47.94
Borough of Woodmont	\$2,000.00	TOTAL	\$47.94
James Freda	\$115.44		
Charles Rockwell	\$5.00		
Bill Guelakis	\$23.27		
Lynn Foss	\$512.50		
Lynn Foss	\$237.50		
City of Milford	\$1,249.71		
City of Milford	\$1,533.71		
Milford Photo	\$90.31		
Tim's Auto	\$55.13		
So Conn Gas	\$69.63		
Sussman Duffy & Segaloff	\$1,910.00		
United Illum Co	\$40.03		
United Illum Co	\$405.93		
TOTAL	\$14,248.16		

CITY FUND

Mallico Paving	\$4,500.00
Mallico Paving	\$3,675.00
Barbra Wagner	\$151.46
Harborview Electric	\$495.80
E&D Landscaping	\$2,276.00
United Illum Co	\$1,875.75
TOTAL	\$12,974.01

Committee Reports:

Planning & Zoning

No Report.

Police & Safety

Burgess Graham submitted the following report:

Sergeant Kranyak returned call regarding crosswalks in Woodmont, one across Kings Highway at Village Rd and another at intersection of mark and Kings Highway. The traffic division of the MPD determined it was unsafe to place a crosswalk at either intersection for following reasons

- The intersection of Kings Hwy and village is located at bottom of hill
- Kings Hwy and Mark, if people are not stopping at stop sign putting one there would put pedestrians in danger.

A discussion followed on how approach the city on these matters.

House

Burgess Rockwell said that the electrical upgrade to the kitchen has commenced.

Lighting

Burgess Kish reported that two residents have requested and have received approval for street light shades to be installed in the next week. Contacted Antoinette Cotton our UI customer representative, gave her a tour of the Borough to give her a feel for who we are and made her aware of pressing issues. Burgess Kish said that he has made Antoinette Cotton aware of the new poles left in a staging area to be moved out the way and to move the old pole by the top of the park interfering with lawn maintenance. Burgess Barrett asked if Burgess Kish inquired about poles in the right of way on village. Burgess Kish responded that he would be glad to do that for you. Burgess Kish made Antoinette Cotton aware of the need for an additional light to be installed at the pole near the corner to help aluminate the dark area around Borough Hall. Burgess Kish said we had a report of a light out on Kings Highway and these types of things can be handled by calling the UI.

Beaches

Burgess Kish reported that comments by Mary Jo about keeping up with the small public strips of beach is dully noted.

Public Works

Warden Bonessi reported that one catch basin that needs replacing and two road patched are needed. The mayor has been made aware of the need to repair the Belmont Street groin, and approval should be forth coming. Julie Nash, Director of Economic and Community Development, City of Milford, has submitted a FEMA grant proposal for the work.

Finance

No Report.

Library

Burgess Wagner reported that the Sandy Steady, children's coordinator, requested a donation and received \$125.00 from the Milford Bank.

Beautification

No Report

Approval of Bills

Bills are going around.

Unfinished Business

None.

Old Business

- **Changing of addresses of 3 Clinton St to 70 Beach Ave where current 70 Beach Ave will become 72 Beach Ave**
Withdrawn

New Business

Emergency Coordination

Burgess Barrett reported that as Emergency Coordinator, I have been working on two items to meet FEMA requirements:

1. A federally approved procurement process that I am trying to tailor after three approved municipality procurement processes to meet our needs. The difficulty I am experiencing is due the size of most municipalities. Not having a federally approved procurement process will endanger our FEMA reimbursements.
2. A state mandated emergency operations plan that I am drafting from the state's framework. This proving to be a tedious process.

Burgess Barrett reported that the Woodmont Amateur Radio Association is planning to put on a program for the general public to train folks on what they need to know to be prepared for an emergency. A date for the event still needs to be determined.

Borough Insurance Policy

Burgess Barrett reported that we currently paying the City of Milford \$30,000 per year for very little. Burgess Barrett said that he has received an insurance quote for \$6,500 per year to include two million in liability for the Borough Hall property and the park, replacement costs for Borough Hall and the garage, but does include the patrol car. The policy comes with a \$1,000 deductible, and a second quote has been requested with a \$10,000 deductible and to include coverage for the patrol car.

Warden Bonessi requested Clerk Guelakis to try and locate a previous Borough audit from 1995 that would contain Borough insurance coverage purchased by the Borough at time.

A discussion followed.

Freeholders II.

Mary Jo Kramer of 1 Dixon Street thanked everyone for their responsiveness to her requests. Would like to donate books to the Woodmont Library, just would like to know their contribution and mission, and the number of people using the library. Warden Bonessi referred Mary Jo Kramer to his annual report that includes the library and to contact the library directly.

- At 8:48 P.M. Warden Bonessi entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Rockwell, seconded by Burgess Graham and the Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by William Guelakis
Woodmont Clerk