

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT  
31 Clinton Street  
Woodmont, CT 06460  
**MEETING OF BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESS**  
August 17, 2015

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, August 17, 2015 at the Richard J. Austin Borough Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Senior Burgess Barrett at 8:01P.M. In attendance were Burgesses, John Barrett, Kelley Graham, Frank M. Luysterborghs, Jr., Chuck Rockwell, Christopher Schmeisser, and Barbara Wagner.

Also present were: Beautification Committee Chair Pat Del Vecchio, Clerk Wm. Guelakis, Custodian James Freda, and Treasurer Robert Listorti.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Approval of Minutes**

The August 3, 2015 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Burgess Wagner made a Motion to approve the minutes seconded by Burgess Graham, and the Motion passed unanimously.

### **Freeholders I**

Hearing None

### **Report of the Tax Collector**

Submitted by Tax Collector Tina Della Vella

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

1. TO DATE: Current balance in Webster Account is \$ **Current Balance \$28,557.62**
  - This figure does not represent payments made on line (Lynn Foss, bookkeeper, will give me that figure at the end of the month)
  - **\$80,000 check # 103 from TAX Collector account given to Robert Listort** to transfer to General Fund account
  - Late Payments started to come in – envelopes saved
  - Lynn Foss and I will enter payments by check into QDS (Lynn took a huge stack)

#### **New Tax Collector Account Opened at Webster Bank**

- Ed needs to sign authorized signatory card at Milford Branch on Broad Street. **Is this completed?**

#### **Annual Meeting Power Point Edits**

Sent to Ed, John, Chuck:

1. Do you want to point out (page 20) that we have not issued Liens since 2010? We want to first encourage property owners to pay any delinquent taxes before we promote a "Tax Lien Sale"
2. I would add that the Borough will send out an "intent to lien" notice prior to filing the Lien with the city, and that all property owners will have 15 days to make payment prior to the Tax Collector filing a Lien with the City of Milford.

3. QDS sent us the "delinquent list", therefore I assume that all property owners can go on line to our database and see if they are "outstanding" in any payments.

**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

**Update from 8/3 meeting**

- **Theresa Zikis:** The only property that should have been taxed is 159 Merwin Ave. That Tax Bill was mailed today. – **PAID** : Note that only 159 Merwin is in Woodmont. 142 Merwin Avenue, 146 Merwin Avenue, 150 Merwin Avenue ARE NOT and should be removed from QDS.
- **One Spencer Street:** From Jerry Fiorentino: On 7/1/15, the City Tax Assessor adjusted the Gross assessment from \$806,990 to \$664,696. This adjustment should be made to the Borough Tax as well. Adjustment made; revised tax bill. sent out today- **PAID**
- **Dixon Street:** Tax bill sent
- **Dunbar Road:** Tax Bill sent to new property owners today.- **PAID**

**Report of the Warden**

No Report.

**Report of the Constable**

No Report.

**Report of the Clerk.**

No Report.

**Report of the Treasurer**

**AUGUST 2015 DISBURSEMENTS**

BOROUGH		LIBRARY	
Bill Guelakis	\$19.12	Frontier	\$39.29
Tina Della Valle	\$30.83	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$39.29
Tina Della Valle	\$3.00		
Land & Sea Security	\$880.00		
Southern Conn Gas Co	\$83.10		
Southern Conn Gas Co	\$43.85		
United Illum Co	\$125.73		
United Illum Co	\$128.44	<b>BUILDING COMMITTEE</b>	
United Illum Co	\$286.46	Bill Guelakis	\$100.00
City of Milford	\$5,680.42	Silver Petrucelli & Assoc	\$2,440.00
City of Milford	\$30,833.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$2,540.00

City of Milford	\$7,962.11
Lynn Foss	\$487.50
James Freda	\$115.44
Borough of Woodmont	\$20,000.00
Citizen's Bank	\$60.14
Cablevision	\$94.71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$66,833.85</b>

#### CITY

Malico Paving Co	\$3,749.20
Borough of Woodmont	\$15,833.00
United Illuminating Co	\$2,361.77
Dept of Energy & Envir Prot.	\$187.50
Borough of Woodmont	\$11,097.25
Borough of Woodmont	\$11,250.85
E&D Landscaping	\$3,088.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$47,567.57</b>

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Planning & Zoning**

No Report.

#### **Police & Safety**

Burgess Graham reported that she had spoken with officer Chilla about no parking on New Haven Ave. and about traffic going the wrong way on Hawley Ave. After inspecting the areas in question, officer Chilla said signage is missing and will be replaced.

Burgess Schmeisser said that he is concerned about the graffiti on the bump out and several other places. Pat Del Vecchio also mentioned the bench at anchor beach.

#### **House**

Burgess Rockwell said that the building committee just meet with the contractor for a semi-final walk through and everything is looking good except for a few minor exceptions. The building is almost ready and will be looking to get the CO from the city.

Burgess Rockwell wanted to know the status of the roof replacement given that hurricane season is coming. Burgess Barrett gave Burgess Rockwell an update. A discussion followed between Burgesses Barrett and Rockwell.

#### **Lighting**

No Report.

#### **Beaches**

No Report.

#### **Public Works**

Burgess Barrett said that the Borough is repairing old sink holes.

**Finance**

No Report.

**Library**

No Report.

**Beautification**

Beautification Report by Pat Del Vecchio

Pat Del Vecchio reported that E and D Landscaping was contacted to add Rip Rap from Wall ST to Bonsilene ST to the existing Turf Masters account for spraying and to order 100 -125 creeping junipers and up to 50 yellow Rosa Rugoses for area from Devol ST at the point to Wall ST for planting in the fall as the Warden directed. She also passed around the plaque for the Donohue Family Bench Dedication stating that the bench would be built this week and would replace the most damaged bench along the shoreline

**Approval of Bills**

Bills are in circulation.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

- **Review Annual Budget**

Burgess Schmeisser Motioned to accept the proposed 2016-2017 Borough budget, seconded by Burgess Barrett, and the Motion passed with Burgess Rockwell opposed with changes.

Burgess Barrett Motioned to reduce the Volunteer Fire Department budget by \$700, with no second, the Motion failed.

Burgess Schmeisser Motioned that the \$2,000 line item for the Volunteer Fire Department be dropped to zero since prior funds allocated have not been used, seconded by Burgess Barrett, and the Motion passed with Burgess Rockwell opposed and Burgess Wagner abstaining.

Burgess Schmeisser questioned the line item expense for the Woodmont Day Committee and that it is approved during times of need, i.e. due to rainy weather.

Burgess Schmeisser Motioned that the line item expense for the Woodmont Day Committee be put at zero dollars, seconded by John Barrett, and the Motion passed with Burgess Rockwell opposed.

Burgess Barrett Motioned to reduce the firehouse, 128 Kings Highway, costs to zero. After a discussion Burgess Barrett withdrew the Motion.

Burgess Schmeisser stated that the Police patrol line item had been reduced from \$40,000 to \$30,000 about two to three ago and should we consider an increase. A discussion followed and the 128 Kings Highway utility costs of \$4,800 was reduced to \$2,400 and the reduction of \$2,400 from the 128 Kings Highway utility costs was added to the Police patrol line for a total of \$32,400.

- **Authorization for COP Application Fee**

Burgess Luysterborghs explained that a DEEP application fee of \$187.50 is required for acquiring our COP renewal. A discussion followed and it was concluded that the application fee would be charged to city funds.

Burgess Barrett Motioned to authorize \$187.50 for an application with DEEP to renew our COP, seconded by Burgess Kelley, and the Motion passes unanimously.

**Freeholders II**

Pat Del Vecchio of 56 Mark St. wanted to know the status of a parking study that she requested for Mark St. Burgess Kelley stated that she would email the police department again concerning the matter. Pat Del Vecchio questioned the beautification committee line item at \$3,000 and is the money that is coming through donations affecting expenses, a discussion followed.

**Outstanding Items**

None.

- At 8:46 P.M. Senior Burgess Barrett entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Wagner, seconded by Burgess Graham and the Motion carried unanimously.

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Minutes taken by William Guelakis  
Woodmont Clerk