

Meeting of the Board of Warden and Burgesses
Unapproved Minutes May 1, 2023
THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT
128 Kings Highway
Woodmont, Connecticut 06460

The meeting of the Board and Burgesses of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, May 1, 2023 at Woodmont Borough Hall.

Warden Ed Bonessi called the meeting to order at 8:20 P.M.

Kelly Rowland announced votes for upcoming Borough offices.

The Board of Warden and Burgesses were elected as follows:

Warden – Edward Bonessi

Burgesses:

- John Barrett
- Christopher Schmeisser
- Charles Rockwell
- Barbara Wagner
- Robert Kish
- Michael Bihary

Clerk – Rebecca Flynn

Treasurer – Robert Listorti

Constable – Ferenc Bozso

Auditors:

- Linda Casey
- Brendan Casey

Attorney Charles Rockwell swore Rebecca Flynn in as Clerk. Clerk Flynn swore Ed Bonessi in as Warden, Burgesses: Christopher Schmeisser, Charles Rockwell, Barbara Wagner, and Michael Bihary. Clerk Flynn swore in Robert Listorti as Treasurer, Ferenc Bozso as Constable, and Brendan Casey as Auditor. Robert Kish and Linda Casey were not present and will be sworn in at the next Borough Meeting in June 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance

Unanimous Approval of Meeting Minutes for April 2023

Freeholders I

- Barbara Wagner, Clinton Street, stated at the July 2, 2018 meeting an ordinance was passed to use only organics along Borough shoreline properties and hold steadfast to manual removal of weeds along the shoreline. Although a program was adopted to return a healthy balance to the turf, we haven't adopted the practices to enhance it. Raising the height to 3 inches would reduce watering needs, shade out weeds and increase root depth. She encourages residents to visit www.organiclandcare.net to learn more about the Northeast Organic Farming Association standards and for the Borough to maintain properties by these standards.

Report of the Tax Collector

No Report

Report of the Warden

I presented the Borough budget case to the board of aldermen on April 19th and It seemed to go well. They had no questions only thanks from both sides of the aisle Democrats and Republicans. Thanking us for what we do to keep this side of the city going well and looking nice.

In closing, I publicly thanked Mayor Blake for his years of service to the city as well as his fair dealing with the Borough.

I have also reached out to Justin Rosen, who will remain as Chief of Staff for Mayor Smith who was sworn in this afternoon. He assures me of staying the course and will help me set up a time to meet with the new mayor later this week.

After several meetings with Milford Bank, and Kevin Curseaden the Borough Attorney along with a bounced check from the Aftemow Estate Attorney Chuck Mantelle we have finally secured the \$1M+ funds into a secure FDIC-insured CDARs account. I will let Kit explain what that is and why we chose to go that route. The next step will be to set up how the soon-to-be-created library board/commission will be self-funded, govern, and guide themselves.

Finally, we have good news, the new triangle sign and the flag will make the deadline for Memorial Day to be completed and uplit...the problem is that we were trying to do it by Memorial Day 2022! We need to give all the credit to Bob Kish who dealt with the electrical contractor as well as United illuminating which was no small task.

Milford Budget and Finance Board approved 11% increase in funding to the Borough.

Borough Elections will take place on May 1st- please encourage family and friends take part.

A plan has been established to accept the funds from the George Aftamanow’s bequest to the Woodmont Volunteer Library.

Red Cross will be using the hall on April 20th for a Blood Drive.

Report of the Constable

Stop sign on Rosemary Court has been replaced.

Complaints about peeling in and out have been expressed to a new business in Woodmont.

Report of the Clerk

No Report

Report of the Treasurer

No Report

MAY 2023 DISBURSEMENTS

| BOROUGH OPERATING FUND | | LIBRARY |
|--------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| Pat DelVecchio (payroll) | \$275.00 | Frontier \$80.92 |
| Linda Casey (payroll) | \$50.00 | TOTAL \$80.92 |
| Brendan Casey (payroll) | \$50.00 | |

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| Lynn Foss (payroll) | \$474.16 |
| Kerri Rowland (payroll) | \$400.00 |
| Emily Rowland (payroll) | \$150.00 |
| Donna Mallico (patroll) | \$150.00 |
| Teddi Mickus (payroll) | \$312.50 |
| William Hoagland (drone survey) | \$100.00 |
| Jerry's Cleaning Service (payroll) | \$437.50 |
| Joanna Whitehead (deposit return) | \$200.00 |
| Eland Financial Services (Bor credit card) | \$424.03 |
| Optimum (Bor Hall) | \$193.71 |
| Regional Water Auth (Bor Hall) | \$36.76 |
| So Conn Gas Co (Bor Hall) | \$576.06 |
| United Illum (Bor Hall) | \$456.28 |
| TOTAL | \$4,286.00 |

CITY OPERATING FUND

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| Mallico Paving (public works) | \$6,083.00 |
| E&D Landscaping (public works) | \$1,845.00 |
| Mallico Construction (public works) | \$600.00 |
| Charles Sherwood (public works) | \$720.00 |
| Wescott & Mapes (public works) | \$2,770.00 |
| Apple Valley Irrigation (public works) | \$338.31 |
| United Illum (street lights) | \$1,829.63 |
| United Illum (street lights) | \$18.87 |
| TOTAL | \$14,204.81 |

Committee Reports:

Planning and Zoning

No Report

Police and Safety

Milford Police Department starts holiday schedule in the Borough on Memorial Day Weekend. Continuing to look at options to sell the car and purchase something new, nothing was found at auction and will look at options through the Milford Police Department.

Street Lighting

No Report

Beaches

No Report

Public Works

Last three trash cans were put out at the park, all have lids.

House

Lights outside will be replaced.

Apple has the irrigation system running

Finance

Woodmont Library bequest has been deposited into an FDIC CD and an operating account. A framework will be decided with Library staff on what type of account the money will be in moving forward.

Library

Burgess Wagner suggested a debit card would be good for the library moving forward to avoid the need for expense reports with Library staff where it can be avoided.

Beautification Committee

Flowers will need to be ordered for the new sign.

A plan for when the flags will go up needs to be decided.

Approval of Bills

Bob will let everyone know when he has the checks to meet up and sign at another time.

Old Business

Effective July 1, 2023 the Borough meetings will be held at 7:30pm. Burgess Rockwell wants the record to reflect he opposed to the change.

Freeholders II.

None

Recess at 8:50 pm

Minutes taken by Rebecca Flynn, Clerk