

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT
Approved Minutes of the Board of Warden & Burgesses
September 8, 2020

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at Woodmont Borough Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Warden Bonessi at 8:00 P.M. In attendance were Burgesses: John Barrett, Kelley Graham, Robert Kish, Chuck Rockwell, Christopher Schmeisser, and Barbara Wagner.

Also, present were: Beautification Chair Pat Del Vecchio, Clerk Wm. Guelakis, and Treasurer Bob Listorti.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

The August 17, 2020 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Burgess Barrett made a Motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Burgess Rockwell, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Freeholders I

Susan Mills of 1630 New Haven Ave said that she lives at the head of Rosemary Ct and would like to address a few issues:

Rosemary Ct has several issues of parked cars for more than the posted 30 minutes, dogs, people running over cones in private driveways, bonfires in the sand on a public beach. Susan Mills requested that a low-level sign to post the rules of the beach. A discussion followed. Warden Bonessi said a new low-level sign to post the rules of the beach would be installed.

I am concerned about the pile of unraked gravel between Swift St and the Bonsilene St groin. Warden Bonessi said this a private beach. Susan Mills said to walk along there, you have to walk on the private beach because you cannot walk below the mean water mark. A discussion followed, Burgess Barrett and Warden Bonessi discussed the issues of gravel, permits, when to and not to remove it.

I am concerned about the blight situation on the corner of Anderson Ave. Warden Bonessi explained what the city is doing concerning the situation.

Report of the Tax Collector

No Report.

Report of the Warden

Warden Bonessi said he had nothing new to report.

Report of the Constable

No Report.

Report of the Clerk.

No Report.

Report of the Treasurer

No Report.

Committee Reports:

Planning & Zoning

No Report.

Burgess Schmeisser said that he has had a change to review the materials concerning Airbnb and thinks it would be a good idea to meet with the city attorney concerning the use of existing regulations that maybe used to regulate the industry verses the creation new ones. Warden Bonessi said that Burgesses Schmeisser and Rockwell setup an appointment with him to discuss.

Police & Safety

No Report.

Burgess Barrett said there is an increased number of incidents of folks driving the wrong way on Hawley Ave. Warden Bonessi requested that Burgess Graham contact the police about wrong way signage. A discussion followed.

House

No Report.

Lighting

Burgess Kisch submitted the following report:

R Kish heading up a one-person committee to investigate costs and feasibility to place certain utility lines underground. Four study regions are identified:

1. Beach Avenue, crescent beach streetlights at west end of the beach has utility lines parallel to the shoreline.
2. Beach Avenue, village road area has utility lines parallel to the shoreline.
3. 62 Beach Avenue, located between Usher and Dunbar has utility lines parallel to the shoreline.
4. Dunbar Road, Hawley to Beach, has utility lines perpendicular to shoreline.

Actions taken so far:

1. Met with UI line dept. engineer to discuss technical feasibility
2. Spoke with UI street light program manager to discuss how to obtain price estimate for UI work.
3. Secured a FEMA map to identify flood plain boundary
4. Secured UI circuit maps for four study regions.
5. Met with resident at 62 Beach Ave.

Actions planned next:

1. Sketch up a conceptual plan for each region, for pricing purposes.

2. Submit to UI Co.
3. Share technical feedback and pricing with residents and Board of Burgess's.

A discussion followed.

Beaches

No Report.

Public Works

Jim Mallico said that we are installing a couple of catch basins.

Warden Bonessi said that he would be reaching out to the Mayor for reimbursement for storm damage.

Finance

Burgess Schmeisser said that we are in good financial shape.

Library

No Report.

Beautification Committee

Beautification Chair Pat Del Vecchio submitted the following report:

- received the plaque for the Corvino bench and it would be installed soon.
- requested a hand truck be bought for the garage to help move heavy objects around and the request was approved.

Approval of Bills

Bills are going around.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

No New Business

Freeholders II.

Claire Zeidenberg of 6 Dunbar Rd said that seven neighbors are interested in burying power lines. A discussion followed.

At 8:56 P.M. Warden Bonessi entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Rockwell, seconded by Burgess Schmeisser and the Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by William Guelakis

Woodmont Clerk