

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT  
Approved Minutes of the Board of Warden & Burgesses  
January 4, 2021

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, January 4, 2021 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, Bob Kish, Chuck Rockwell, Christopher Schmeisser, and Barbara Wagner.

Also, present were: Beautification Chair Pat DeI Vecchio, Clerk Wm. Guelakis, Tax Collector Lynn Foss, and Treasurer Bob Listorti.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Approval of Minutes**

The December 7, 2020 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**

Hearing None.

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

Lynn Foss Tax Collector said that we have a balance of 11%, \$15,843.66 of 2019 tax bills that went out July 2020. Late notices and the intent to lien notices will be going out next.

### **Report of the Warden**

Warden Bonessi reported that he went out during the recent snow incident to see houses with cars parked in front of them that have 3 to 4 parking spaces in their driveways. Would like to see them parked in their driveway so we can plow the streets. Its their neighbors that are always calling and complaining about the situation.

Burgess Schmeisser said that we should send out a Borough email about parking during a snow storm. Burgess Barrett said we should use Everbridge and everyone would get the message. Warden Bonessi to look into Woodmont being broken out separately from the rest of Milford for notification purposes. A discussion followed.

Burgess Schmeisser and myself meet with the mayor and were only given a \$5,000 grant increase when we are looking for a \$25,000 increase. To be seen what else they can do in kind to compensate. Our city funds are running low at about \$20,000. Burgess Schmeisser is concerned we will run out of money since most was used to pay for paving and the unexpected snow storm. This has been an ongoing bare bones budget without any reserves and we need to address this with the mayor. Warden Bonessi asked Burgess Schmeisser to evaluate our financials and to include a report for the mayor.

Library doors have been ordered, operating systems to be installed by mid-January.

### **Report of the Constable**

No Report.

## Report of the Clerk.

No Report.

## Report of the Treasurer

### DISBURSEMENTS JANUARY 2021

BOROUGH OPERATING FUND		LIBRARY	
James Mundy (payroll)	\$466.37	Frontier	\$52.27
Donna Mallico (payroll)	\$46.17	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$52.27</b>
Robert Listorti (payroll)	\$230.87		
William Guelakis (payroll)	\$1,054.33		
William Hoagland (aerial survey)	\$100.00		
Optimum (Bor Hall)	\$143.04		
So Conn Gas (Bor Hall)	\$390.95		
Cardmember Service (Bor credit card)		\$215.45	
United Illum Co (Bor Hall)	\$369.20		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,016.38</b>		
CITY OPERATING FUND			
Mallic Paving (public works)	\$5,250.00		
E&D Landscaping (pub works)	\$6,019.00		
United Illum Co (street lights)	\$1,671.61		
United Illum Co (street lights)	\$20.56		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,961.17</b>		

## Committee Reports:

### Planning & Zoning

No Report.

### Police & Safety

Warden talked with the police department about the parking situation on the three alley ways. They investigated, talked with home owners and all but one agreed it is a problem they can regulate themselves. To make them one-ways with parking on one side would result in the loss of additional parking spaces. Warden Bonessi said that he is satisfied that we are not going to take next steps.

### House

Burgess Rockwell reported water that has been found in the basement is being handled by CT Basement Systems under warranty.

### Lighting

Burgess Kish reported that he is trying to put together pricing for an electric sign. Looking into solar next.

### Beaches

Warden Bonessi reported that the city hall said that the project plans for Crescent Beach has been reduced significantly by DEEP and it isn't going to happen.

### **Public Works**

Warden Bonessi said that he has been in touch with Jim Mallico and Chris Saley to do our best to keep expenses low but not at the expense of safety during the winter season.

Burgess Barrett

### **Finance**

No Report.

### **Library**

No Report.

### **Beautification Committee**

Beautification Committee Chair Pat Del Vecchio reported the Committee explored new style of replacement benches and prices in conjunction with discussion with Bill Garfield, City of Milford. Same style as the City uses was selected, and price of a new bench would rise to approximately \$2400 from \$1200. Color to be decided later.

More importantly a discussion is needed on when to start replacing existing benches. It is not recommended to just purchase a bench without dedication information, as plaque and its installation are included in the company's price of the bench.

Board will have to make a decision on when and how to change over to new bench style. Considerations are:

- All benches are currently dedicated and in good shape. There are still two sets of cement ends for replacement of existing benches or adding of benches.
- Each purchaser of existing benches was promised a bench and dedication until it was damaged beyond repair or lost in a storm.
- To remove and replace an existing dedicated bench would have to use same plaque information to keep our obligation to the original purchaser at no charge.
- New style of bench would need to be bolted into cement sidewalk or have a pad poured for installation. (Cost included in the \$2400 estimate, similar to what City charges.)

Other:

- One trash barrel top was lost in last storm and replaced with used one in storage.
- One end of road sign fell down and was reinstalled by Jim Mallico.
- A reminder to freeholders should go out noting that the placing of decorations or items on or near benches is prohibited due to safety and other concerns.  
Reminder will go out.
- Plaque ordered for Kluchnich bench at Oyster River location.
- Two new trash barrels will be built in the spring and are in storage in the garage with two new extra tops.

### **Approval of Bills**

Bills are going around.

### **Old Business**

No Old Business

**New Business**

No New Business

**Freeholders II.**

Hearing None.

At 8:28 P.M. Warden Bonessi entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Rockwell, seconded by Burgess Wagner and the Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by William Guelakis

Woodmont Clerk