

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT  
Minutes of the Board of Warden & Burgesses  
April 3, 2017

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, April 3, 2017 at Woodmont Borough Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Warden Bonessi at 8:02 P.M. In attendance were Burgesses: Kelley Graham, Robert Kish, Chuck Rockwell, Christopher Schmeisser, and Barbara Wagner.

Also present were: Clerk Wm. Guelakis, Constable Donna Mallico, Treasurer Robert Listorti, and Beautification Committee Pat Del Vecchio.

### **Initiate of Allegiance**

### **Approval of Minutes**

The March 6, 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**

Kathy Walker of 3 Clinton Street discussed her application to the Zoning Board of Appeals asking for a variance at 3 Clinton Street.

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

Warden Bonessi said the notices to lien had gone out last week and that we should have all liens set next week. The next step will be to sell the liens. We have approximately \$65,000 in liens at face value over the last three years.

### **Report of the Warden**

Warden Bonessi reported that:

- Damaged sidewalks have been repaired
- We have started grading the beach
- Received an OK from DEEP, and John Hannon will be replacing the sand to be completed in two weeks
- Milford has asked that we submit a tiered budget for our annual grant. We will submit flat request at \$230k, middle at \$225k, and low request at \$220k.
- Milford police have requested to conduct a mechanical review of our vehicle and will pay to rewrap our car with new signage.
- A test of our emergency backup generator failed. I informed public works and the police department that we want the name of the contractor that did the work and to tell us the why and the cost to fix it.

### **Report of the Constable**

No Report.

### **Report of the Clerk.**

No Report.

## Report of the Treasurer

DISBURSEMENTS APRIL 3, 2017

BOROUGH OPERATING		LIBRARY	
James Freda	\$115.44	Frontier	\$45.99
Ed Bonessi	\$84.51	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$45.99
Bob Listorti	\$68.20		
Donna Mallico	\$46.18		
William Guelakis	\$1,054.33		
Robert Listorti	\$230.88		
Milford Photo	\$593.38		
Our Plummer LLC	\$2,646.48		
United Illum. Co	\$264.13		
United Illum. Co	\$91.94		
So Conn Gas Co	\$367.76		
Optimum	\$111.71		
Lynn Foss	\$300.00		
Total Chimney	\$1,728.19		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$7,703.13		
CITY			
Mallico Paving Co	\$4,500.00		
Mallico Paving Co	\$8,204.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$12,704.00		

## Committee Reports:

### Planning & Zoning

No Report.

### Police & Safety

No Report.

### House

Burgess Kish reported that he has given our engineer a list of complaints to turn it into an instruction set that went out to the contractor on Friday. Warden Bonessi said to make sure this is done, it was initiated by the borough attorney. Warden Bonessi said that Burgess Kish has spent countless hours with a known contractor. Borough attorney to send an expectation letter that this work is to be completed by April 30, 2017. Burgess Kish said that some remediable work on the boiler was still needed and is scheduled for Wednesday.

### Lighting

Prepared and resented by Burgess Kish:

2/10/17 Ed Bonessi and Bob Kish met at Milford Town Hall with UI account rep Mike Stein and several City of Milford town officials. Summary of the meeting as follows:

- UI is conducting a multi-year group re-lamping program to change street lights to LED type.

- This is done at no cost to the town and is expected to lower the monthly electric bill by approximately 1/3.
- The work is scheduled one town at a time.
- City of Milford, including Woodmont, can be scheduled in 2017/2018.
- For those who wish to see what the new LED lights look like, they can go to towns Bridgeport and Stratford, which were recently completed by UI.

2/24/17 Bob Kish used UI's website to report the floodlight shining on the signal rock flag is out.

3/1/17 Ed Bonessi and Bob Kish completed a survey of the Woodmont Borough street lights. They found 164 street lights. The survey was done for two reasons:

1. to ensure the Borough is being billed properly
2. to make planning decisions with respect to the UI group re-lamping [LED] program.

3/24/17 Ed Bonessi and Bob Kish reviewed the borough street lighting map and developed a lighting balance plan for 2017. The new plan is intended to address many years of complaints received after the "Light Balancing Plan" of 2010 was executed.

Most universally, the complaints from borough residents were that streets were too dim. For approx 22% of the street lights, the new lighting plan calls for adjusting lamp wattages for slightly increased brightness.

We duly recognize that select residents may prefer less lighting or no lighting. We call attention to a standing option which involves their contacting UI's hot line (1-800-7CALL-UI; 1-800-722-5584). For residents experiencing street lights that shine too brightly in a particular direction, UI offers special shades and/or re-leveling of fixtures, at no cost to the resident or the town.

The new "LED" lamps, which replace the older technology "high pressure sodium" lamps, will not only increase the overall lumens or brightness on Borough streets but will significantly save energy and cost.

3/28/17 UI presented a contract agreement for the group re-lamping [LED] project. It is to be presented at the April 2017 meeting for signing and then forwarded to UI. A copy will be posted on the Borough's website. We understand Mayor Blake is ready to sign an analogous agreement for the rest of the city.

While UI informed us that several towns are in queue ahead of Milford, a start date for the Milford / Woodmont work actually hinges on the order they consummate contracts with the towns. The work can be begin as early as May 2017 or as late as August 2017. Once started, the work will take approximately 3 months to complete.

## **Beaches**

No Report.

## **Public Works**

Warden Bonessi reported that two collapsed storm basins need to be replaced.

## **Finance**

Burgess Schmeisser said that the current budget is in good shape with the sale of the tax liens.

## **Library**

No Report.

## **Beautification**

Pat Del Vecchio reported:

- All delivered bricks had been proofread and laid finding that there were 21 bricks missing or needing correction.
- Submitted latest bill from Nolan Monument.
- All gardens had been cleaned and ready for Memorial Day Opening
- New fir tree ordered for New Haven Av sign and to be replaced
- Two Memorial Benches are ready to be refurbished when weather permits
- Need approval for Olderman request for refurbished Memorial Bench for Dani Kemp: Approved. Plaque will be ordered and bench completed when weather permits.
- Deposit: Olderman check for \$600 for Kemp bench and \$50 Krasenics check given to Treasurer.
- E & D Landscaping: All gardens had been cleaned. Other areas will be done as soon as weather permits and be ready for Memorial Day Opening; trees behind Hall have be trimmed and staked.
- Warden requested End of Road signs be replaced where missing. E & D Landscaping will be contacted.

## **Approval of Bills**

Bills are going around.

## **Unfinished Business**

None.

## **Old Business**

- Approval of Bids for A/C System

## **New Business**

Burgess Graham Motion to amend the agenda to write an approval letter to the Zoning Appeals Board for Kathy Walker's request for a variance, seconded by Burgess Wagner, and the Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion followed.

Burgess Rockwell Motioned to write a letter of approval to the Zoning Appeals Board for Kathy Walker's request for a variance, seconded by Burgess Schmeisser, and the Motion passed unanimously.

A general discussion followed concerning the new Borough Hall dedication ceremony scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> and concerning historical photographs to be framed and hung in Borough Hall.

## **Outstanding Items**

None.

**Freeholders II.**

Hearing None.

- At 8:50 P.M. Warden Bonessi entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Graham, seconded by Burgess Wagner and the Motion carried unanimously.

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Minutes taken by William Guelakis  
Woodmont Clerk