

**THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT**  
31 Clinton Street  
Woodmont, CT 06460  
**MEETING OF BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESS**  
July 21, 2014

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, July 21, 2014 at the Richard J. Austin Borough Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Senior Burgess Barrett at 8:04 P.M. In attendance were Burgesses: John Barrett, Michael Krauss, Richard Raucci, Chuck Rockwell Christopher Schmeisser, and Barbara Wagner.

Also present were: Clerk Wm. Guelakis, Constable Raymond Jablonski, Custodian Joe Rogers, and Treasurer Robert Listorti.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes**

The July 7, 2014 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Burgess Raucci made a Motion to approve the minutes seconded by Burgess Krauss, and the Motion passed unanimously.

**Freeholders I**

Christine Begej of 22 Bonsilene St said that she has resided at her current address for ten years. Her neighbor has planted bamboo that has spread into her yard and that the neighbor has claimed that they were unaware that bamboo is invasive. He removed it and planted it in another area of his yard and now it has spread in my neighbor's yard. In addition, he is now building a large shed in his yard without a permit and I have filed a complaint with P&Z. He has also planted bamboo in the wet lands. I want to sell my house, but the state is aware of the bamboo and I cannot sell my house. Burgess Barrett said that he is in violation of state statute that requires you to contain bamboo, and if not, you are responsible. Burgess Barrett said that he would be contacting DEEP and would refer this to Steve Johnson from the city of Milford Wet Lands. Burgess Barrett requested Burgess Wagner to check with the zoning enforcement officer and that he would contact the Health Department and discuss this with the P&Z. Christine Begej provided extensive literature for the Board about bamboo.

**Report of the Tax Collector**

Burgess Barrett reported that tax bills that did not go out will be sent and errors in the grand list have been corrected. QDS will send letters of explanation to those non Borough residents receiving tax bills. Do not have any reporting to date on how many are using the credit card option for payment. We have transferred \$35,000 to date.

**Report of the Warden**

None.

**Report of the Constable**July 2014 (1<sup>st</sup> Half)Summary

Woodmont Borough Police patrols were done on Saturday 07/12, Sunday 07/13, Saturday 07/19, and Sunday 07/20/2014. The Sargent on patrol on Saturday afternoon 07/12 reported the patrol car would not start and Tim's Auto was called to jump start the car. The Sargent reported issuing (5) five verbal warnings (3) three for Motor Cycle operation 14-18 in Display. The Sargent reported participating in (1) one first aide assist, a 91 year old male fell report #4519-14, (1) one fire department assist, and (1) one police assist in the Borough.

The officer on patrol on Saturday evening 07/12 reported making checks of the Borough Hall, Fire House, and Hawley Ave. playground. The officer ran radar on Kings Hwy. and a fireworks warning was issued on Kings Hwy. The officer issued (2) two verbal warnings, (1) one parking ticket, and participated in (1) one police assist in the Borough.

The officer on patrol on Sunday afternoon 07/13 reported making multiple checks of Hawley Ave, the playground, Beach Ave, the resident parking lot, Mark St. and Abigail St. and Beach Areas. The officer reported issuing (1) one parking ticket.

The officer on patrol on Sunday evening 07/13 reported covering for a 911 hang-up call on Seahawk Ct. (Sandpiper Crescent Condos on Merwin Ave.) and made multiple checks of the Borough Hall, Fire House, and beaches. The officer reported locating (2) two wallets in sewer near Anchor Beach and returned them to the owners on Kings Hwy, they were taken from unlocked cars the night before. The officer reported issuing (1) one parking ticket and participating in (1) one police assist in the Borough and (1) one police assist out of the Borough. The officer reported that the patrol car needed a new battery, which was replaced on Wednesday 07/16/2014.

The Sargent on patrol on Saturday afternoon and evening 07/19 reported speaking to (2) two different residents regarding walking their dogs on the beach near the park. The Sargent reported issuing (6) six parking tickets and (3) three verbal warnings.

The officer on patrol on Sunday afternoon 07/20 reported checking the parking lot at Beach Ave. and Hawley for resident stickers, (1) one violation found and parking ticket issued, monitored stop sign at Chapel St. and Kings Hwy. (1) one written warning issued. The officer reported handling a verbal dispute between a property owner and beach goer in regards to property lines. The officer reported issuing (1) one parking ticket, (1) one verbal warning, (1) one written warning, and participating in (1) one police assist in the Borough.

The officer on patrol on Sunday evening 07/20 reported making check of a suspicious vehicle on Kings Hwy, and checking the beach areas, Mark St. and Abigail St, Beach Ave. resident lot, and playground. The officer reported making (1) motor vehicle stop on Kings Hwy. and issuing a written warning, cover patrol past tense fight on Merwin Ave. and responded to a Medical call on Beach Ave. The officer reported issuing (1) one written warning, and participating in (1) one fire department assist, and (2) two police assists in the Borough.

The following summary for the month of July to date is based on the activity reports submitted by officers:

21 Verbal Warnings	3 Written Warning	0 Oral Reports
20 Parking Tickets	1 First Aid Assist	0 MV Arrests
0 Criminal Arrests	5 Fire Department Assists	0 Infraction
11 Police Assists	<b>(In the Borough)</b>	2 Police Assist <b>(Out of the Borough)</b>

The following summary for 2014 year to date is based on the activity reports submitted by officers:

36 Verbal Warnings	6 Written Warning	0 Oral Reports
83 Parking Tickets	1 First Aid Assist	1 MV Arrests
0 Criminal Arrests	6 Fire Department Assists	0 Infraction
16 Police Assists <b>(In the Borough)</b>	4 Police Assist <b>(Out of the Borough)</b>	

### Report of the Clerk

Clerk Guelakis reported that the new Borough website is now available while we are still developing it.

### Report of the Treasurer

Disbursements Meeting July 26, 2014

#### BOROUGH

John Barrett	\$239.99
Virtual Town Hall Holdings LLC	\$2,750.00
Tim's Auto Center	\$251.66
Ken Sabol	\$32.88
Lynn Foss	\$490.00
Ellen Twitchell	\$120.82
City of Milford	\$4,647.44
Borough of Woodmont	\$20,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,532.79</b>

#### CITY

Borough of Woodmont	\$4,000.00
E&D Landscaping LLC	\$5,341.55
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,705.55</b>

### Committee Reports:

#### Planning & Zoning

No Report

#### Police & Safety

Burgess Raucci reported on police coverage for Woodmont Day. Burgess Schmeisser estimated the cost at approximately \$7,000. A discussion followed.

Burgess Rockwell reported that the line of site for traffic signs at the top half of Mark St is obstructed and that cars and postal trucks are going the wrong way on this one way street. Burgess Barrett responded that Burgess Raucci should request the traffic division conduct a review for the size of placement of these signs.

**House**

Burgess Rockwell reported:

- We are out to bid for 128 Kings Highway renovations
- We are having an open house on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2PM at 128 Kings Highway for any contractor interested in bidding
- Have asked local companies to bid on work for 128 Kings Highway

**Lighting**

No Report

**Beaches**

Burgess Krauss reported that the base of Anderson Ave has been cleaned up and that the growth by the sea wall should come out.

**Public Work**

No Report.

**Finance**

Burgess Schmeisser said that we have money to work on relevant projects and wanted to know if we have any additional information concerning the replacement of the water mains. Burgess Barrett said that he would follow up.

**Library**

Burgess Wagner requested a credit or debit card for the purchase of books by the librarian. Treasurer Listorti will obtain from the bank one for the librarian.

**Beautification**

Submitted by Pat Del Vecchio:

- Plaque installed on bench at Wall Street
- Bonessi plaque to be ordered pending final wording
- Discussion of stamped concrete for bump out
- Gardens to be replanted in fall

**Approval of Bills**

No bills in circulation

**Unfinished Business**

None

**Old Business**

Easements in the borough that have not paid taxes for at least 30 years and the owners are unknown by both the borough and the city. Burgess Barrett Motioned to remove this agenda item, seconded by Burgess Schmeisser, and the Motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

None

**Freeholders II**

Pat Del Vecchio of 56 Mark St wanted to know how to pay her taxes via the Borough website. Burgess Barrett explained. Pat Del Vecchio expressed her concerns about the visually blocked one way signs on Mark St and would like to see parking for one side of the street on Mark St. Burgess Rockwell said that parking could possibly block fire

trucks. Pat Del Vecchio added request that feasibility of parking on one side of Mark St be included in traffic/sign review by Traffic Division of Milford Police Department.

**Outstanding Items**

None

- At 8:53 P.M. Senior Burgess Barrett entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Raucci, seconded by Burgess Rockwell and the Motion carried unanimously.

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Minutes taken by William Guelakis  
Woodmont Clerk