

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT  
31 Clinton Street  
Woodmont, CT 06460  
**MEETING OF BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESS**  
June 15, 2015

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, June 15, 2015 at the Richard J. Austin Borough Hall.

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

Also present were: Constable Donna Mallico, Clerk Wm. Guelakis, Custodian Joe Rogers, Tax Collector Tina Della Valle and Treasurer Robert Listorti.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes**

The June 1, 2015 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Burgess Wagner made a Motion to approve the minutes with changes seconded by Burgess Luysterborghs, and the Motion passed unanimously.

**Freeholders I**

Hearing None.

**Report of the Tax Collector**

No Report.

**Report of the Warden**

Warden Bonessi said that he and Burgess Barrett had meet with FEMA concerning snow damage and that their attitude appears favorable. We have filed a claim for \$15,000 in snow removal and \$55,000 in roof damages that we may be eligible to receive a 70% reimbursement from FEMA. Burgess Barrett displayed photos of the damage.

Warden Bonessi said that at 2:08PM, June 15<sup>th</sup>, the Woodmont Fire Department received an emergency message stating that the link from 128 Kings Highway was down, and that Northeast Communications was sent there after the workmen had left. Richard Jagoe sent his nephew down to open the firehouse. The police department now has a key incase this should happen again. A tree on Woodmont Volunteer Fire Company property is interrupting the signal. Discussion followed.

Warden Bonessi said that he has to setup a meeting with DEEP, and Westcott and Mapes for a certificate of approval on June 26 at 1PM.

### **Report of the Constable**

Constable Mallico reported that the police are doing a great job, checking vendor licenses, and appreciate the first aid kit. Will be obtaining a defibrillator for the squad car. Burgess Rockwell said that the Woodmont volunteer fire department has one that the Borough can use in the squad car. Discussion followed.

### **Report of the Clerk**

No Report.

### **Report of the Treasurer**

#### DISBURSEMENTS MEETING JUNE 1, 2015

BOROUGH		LIBRARY	
Joseph Rogers	\$115.43	Cash	\$200.00
Lynn Foss	\$400.00	Frontier	\$52.94
		Demco	
United Illum Co	\$242.09	Inc.	\$41.88
United Illum Co	\$99.25	TOTAL	\$294.82
United Illum Co	\$131.66		
So Conn. Gas Co.	\$94.86		
So Conn. Gas Co.	\$61.54		
Cablevision	\$94.90		
Hearst Media	\$107.20		
Marvin Display	\$257.10		
Sussman Duffy			
Segaloff P.C.	\$1,027.75		
Tim's Auto Center	\$107.87		
TOTAL	\$2,739.65		

#### CITY

Malico Paving Co	\$3,749.20
United Illum. Co	\$2,508.45
E&D Landscaping LLC	\$6,077.80
Turf Masters LLC	\$325.00
TOTAL	\$12,660.45

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BOROUGH		LIBRARY	
Tim's Auto	\$96.07	Frontier	\$1.99
Reg Water Authority	\$53.68	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$1.99
Reg Water Authority	\$139.41		
Cablevision	\$94.90		
Lynn Foss	\$375.00		
Curtis E. Freda Associates	\$350.00		
City of Milford	\$5,414.96		
Citizen's Bank	\$113.41		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$6,637.43		

CITY	
E&D Landscaping	\$2,684.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$2,684.00

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning & Zoning**

No Report

**Police & Safety**

Burgess Graham reported that we need a liaison at the police department that will answer questions, etc. Warden Bonessi stated that officer DeVito is a good contact for scheduling and is a good general contact with the police department.

**House**

Burgess Rockwell stated that we just installed a new battery for the Borough Hall alarm system and need to obtain additional keys for the mail box.

**Lighting**

No Report.

## **Beaches**

Burgess Luysterborghs said that he going to check into electrical suppliers for cheaper electrical rates and would like it added to the agenda for the next Board meeting to change electrical suppliers.

## **Public Works**

Jim Mallico said city arranging for a camera to inspect the storm drain line at the corner of Beach Ave and Clinton St to determine if it is causing the depressions in the street.

## **Finance**

Burgess Schmeisser said that we are down \$30,000-\$35,000 after this month and that we have to put off paving to next spring. We do not have any money to fund anything with the Borough reserve down to \$114,000. We need to discuss funding with the 4<sup>th</sup> district folks. A discussion followed. Burgess Schmeisser recommended that a meeting be set up with the 4<sup>th</sup> districts aldermen in August and have hard numbers prepared for the meeting. We should check with public works on the cost per mile for paving.

## **Library**

No Report

## **Beautification**

Warden Bonessi reported the outcome of a meeting with Pat Del Vecchio and Tom Tiogo of the beautification committee:

- Need to start chaining lids to trash barrels, three lids already missing
- Six new trash can lids have been ordered
- Graffiti on sign on Chapel Street to be removed by Jim Mallico and painted with anti-graffiti paint
  - Police track signature of graffiti artists and Burgess Kelley to photograph graffiti with Pat Del Vecchio
- Burgess Schmeisser requested that junipers be planted at the end of Belmont where the new rip-rap was added and gravel was graded

Pat Del Vecchio had nothing in addition to report.

## **Approval of Bills**

Bills are in circulation.

## **Unfinished Business**

None

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

- **Appoint New Tax Collector**

Burgess Barrett made a motion to appoint Tina Della Valle as the new tax collector, seconded by Burgess Rockwell.

Burgess Wagner questioned what were the qualifications for tax collector.

Burgess Barrett said that he has never seen anyone take such an interest in the job, and has been working with Lynn Foss makes her acceptable more so than anyone in decades.

Motion carried unanimously.

Burgess Barrett made a motion to empower Warden Bonessi to sign any corporate resolution or other documents necessary to open a new Tax Collector Checking account at a Bank that he and the Tax Collector feel is suitable, seconded by Burgess Rockwell.

Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Guelakis proceeded to swear Tina Della Valle in as Borough Tax Collector.

- **Tax Lien Sale**

Burgess Barrett Motioned for the Borough to sale tax liens to a third party by solicitation and authorize the Warden to manage the sale. Discussion followed on this and to follow up on how to set up the sale of tax liens.

Burgess Barrett Motioned to table the Motion for the Borough to sell tax liens, seconded by Burgess Rockwell, and the Motion carried unanimously.

## **Freeholders II**

Bill Stark of 17 Chaucer Ct said that on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 a meeting with superior court with the owner of 1556 New Haven was held and he agreed to install sprinkler systems in the new buildings, to install a sidewalk from the back of the property to the front, and to keep the building in the front as a single family residence.

Another affordable housing permit states that 1613 New Haven Ave opposite Grove St next to the Anderson Ave property has been applied for. The plan

proposes three townhouses, two with three units and one with two units, for a total of eight units.

Would like to announce this through the Borough once we get notice of public hearing. Still no action taken at the state level.

### **Outstanding Items**

None

- At 9:00 P.M. Senior Burgess Barrett entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Barrett, seconded by Burgess Schmeisser and the Motion carried unanimously.

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Minutes taken by William Guelakis  
Woodmont Clerk