

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT
31 Clinton Street
Woodmont, CT 06460
MEETING OF BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESS
May 2, 2016

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, May 2, 2016 at the Richard J. Austin Borough Hall.

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

Also present were: Clerk Wm. Guelakis, and Treasurer Robert Listorti.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

The April 4, 2016 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Burgess Kish made a Motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Burgess Rockwell, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Freeholders I

Pat Del Vecchio of 56 Mark St said that she does not have a problem with the fencing on Beach Ave. Pat Del Vecchio wanted to know if we were still feeding and treating their trees. Warden Bonessi responded that we probably were not. Pat Del Vecchio responded that someone was feeding the dragon tree, and Warden Bonessi said that E & D may have feed the umbrella and the dragon tree.

Report of the Tax Collector

Warden Bonessi said that lien documents are being printed and will be going out for the 2013 and 2014 tax years.

Report submitted by Tax Collector Tina Della Valle:

Tax Collector Report: 5/2/2016

Intent to Lien Notices sent out via QDS on February 19th 2016: \$53,686.00

1. 2013GL and 2014GL: 318 ACCOUNTS
2. **PAYMENTS MADE THUS FAR TOTAL:** \$4,686.91 + \$10,555.27 + \$1452.77 = **\$16,994.95**
3. Tax Collector account gave a check to Bob L (Treasurer) for \$5000.00 at last meeting 3/7
4. Current Balance in Tax Collector Account is: **\$ 4,771.52**
5. Tax Collector Account to give Bob L (Treasurer) check for \$12,000.00 at 4/4 meeting

ON-GOING

Lien Notices not yet filed: I need confirmation/clarification regarding:

1. Lien Letters: Is the verbiage correct
2. Payments all entered into QDS?
3. Spreadsheet to be updated with Property Owner Names

I have a call into QDS to see if they can PRINT the letters and send to us to file with Town Clerk

Action Item

We need to post the Tax Collector position: **I happy to assist** in anyway with the new TC, but my current job will require more travel and I will not be able to perform the duties necessary on behalf of the Borough.

NOTES

The TOTAL for ALL Delinquent TAX YEARS Due = \$124,869.49

Which is the sum of Total Tax(98102.98) plus/(minus)(-102.56) adjustments, plus interest(42171.34), minus total paid(-15302.27).

Report of the

Warden Bonessi said that we are now currently looking for a new tax collector and that Tina Dell Valle is still working with us. Warden Bonessi thanks Tina Della Valle for doing the great job that she has performed and that after Tina's efforts, the job will be easier going forward.

Warden Bonessi reported that we will do some paving and repair storm drains with what little money we have left in this year's budget.

Warden Bonessi is planning to attend the Board of Aldermen meeting on the 11th to request an increase in the grant that we receive from the city even though it doesn't look good that we will get one. Warden Bonessi said that he would like for everyone to lobby our aldermen, the mayor and finance committee.

Warden Bonessi said that we are currently working on a closing for 31 Clinton Street by May 13th, and that we need to be moved out by then.

Report of the Constable

No Report.

Report of the Clerk.

No Report.

Report of the Treasurer

DISBURSEMENT MEETING MAY 2, 2016

BOROUGH		LIBRARY	
Lynn Foss	\$712.50	Barbara Wagner	\$200.00
James Freda	\$115.44	Frontier	\$91.74
James Freda	\$400.00	Total	\$291.74
Ed Bonessi	\$29.84		
So Conn Gas Co	\$323.30		
So Conn Gas Co	\$121.05		
United Illum Co	\$472.02		
United Illum Co	\$131.37		
United Illum Co	\$66.33		
State of Conn	\$80.00		
Hearst Media Service	\$330.20		
Land & Sea Security	\$78.00		

Optimum	\$105.56
TOTAL	\$2,965.61

CITY

Mallico Paving Co	\$8,100.00
Mallico Paving Co	\$4,500.00
United Illum Co	\$2,501.69
E&D Landscaping	\$2,599.00
TOTAL	\$17,700.69

Committee Reports:

Planning & Zoning

Burgess Wagner reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals will be hearing the owners of 62 Hawley Ave appeal the denial of use decision made by the Zoning Board. A discussion followed.

Police & Safety

Submitted by Burgess Graham:

Police and Safety May 2, 2016

The Traffic Division came out to Hawley last year and placed a work order to Public Works for more and new one way signs. MPD will submit the request again, but the public works will be tied up for the next month or so as they have a big signage project going on down at Walnut Beach.

An Anderson Ave resident brought to my attention that No Parking signs are missing and fading from Anderson Ave near the intersection with Hawley. An officer from traffic will check on the no parking signs on Anderson and will update the signage as needed, but again that would be a work order to Public works.

The MPD will be placing the radar trailer on Kings Highway during the summer months. The trailer will stay out a week (Monday-Friday) then they get pulled back for the weekend.

With regards to the Borough purchasing a radar sign, that has not been brought up before and will need to be discussed. There are specific guidelines to purchasing and placement which would need to be followed. Permanent radars tend to lose their usefulness as motorists stop paying attention to them knowing that they are always there. Officer Chila recommended putting a proposal together of what type of sign the borough would purchase, how to maintain it, power it, location, etc, and it could be discussed in the future, which will be done by Sgt Kranyak.

Officer Chila will no longer be heading up the traffic division as he has been promoted. Sgt. Kranyak will be the contact person in traffic.

House

Burgess Rockwell said that we have a buyer for 31 Clinton Street and we still have not received a CO for 128 Kings Highway. We received a high electric bill and that will be looked into.

Lighting

No Report.

Beaches

Burgess Kish said that we have received our COP that Fred Luysterborghs worked on with the state to extend it until 2045 that coincides with the Army Corps of Engineers contract.

Burgess Kish said that Jim Mallico graded sand contours on the beach and Burgess Kish thanked Jim Mallico for his quick response especially just before the beginning of the horseshoe crab spawning season.

Public Works

Warden Bonessi said that Jim Mallico has estimated that to for angled parking, a sidewalk and curb for 128 Kings Highway would cost \$7,500 and we need to pitch the driveway that cost an additional \$3,500.

Finance

Burgess Schmeisser reported that we have about \$28K in the city fund account to cover us through the month of June.

Library

Burgess Wagner reported that a petty cash account has been set up for \$200.

Beautification

Submitted by Pat Del Vecchio:

- Borough will be completed by Memorial Day Opening of Season, weather permitting
- All gardens have been prepped and cleaned. Plants ordered: 15 Hydrangea, 1 spruce (\$543.00).
- All areas were sprayed, especially by park where overgrowth was pulled out.
- Benches to be repaired by Wall St., Kings Highway, and by Oyster River and all benches will refurbished.
- Dedication Bench with plaque will refurbished and installed by Trubee Doolittle Park.
- Don of E and D Landscaping is putting up End of Road sign at Devol.
- An End of Street sign is also needed at Spencer St.
- Request for permission to move Chapel St. garden across the street. Warden will contact homeowner.
- Permission granted for replacement sign at Merwin Ave. and Abigail St. as current one is in poor shape.
- An order for signage of Beach Access Signs, Entering and End of Street will be made once all signs are assessed.
- Order for creeping junipers and more roses for beach areas is placed on hold until fall.
- Plans for stamped concrete for Bump Out will include research on decorative stamping by Warden

Approval of Bills

Bills are in circulation.

Unfinished Business

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

1. To approve the allocation of \$ 850 to James Freda for moving to 128 Kings Highway, the new Borough Hall.

Burgess Rockwell Motioned to approve the allocation of \$ 850 to James Freda for moving to 128 Kings Highway, the new Borough Hall, second by Burgess Wagner, and the Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion about what to keep and what to throw out before the move to 128 Kings Highway. A discussion followed.
3. Burgess Rockwell Motion to amend the agenda to add to enact the resolution of the Board of Warden Burgesses to approve the sale of 31 Clinton Street, second by Burgess Wagner, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Burgess Rockwell Motion to enact the resolution of the Board of Warden Burgesses to approve the sale of 31 Clinton Street, second by Burgess Schmeisser, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Outstanding Items

None.

Freeholders II

Hearing None.

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- At 9:02 P.M. Warden Bonessi entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Schmeisser, seconded by Burgess Wagner and the Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by William Guelakis
Woodmont Clerk