

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT
31 Clinton Street
Woodmont, CT 06460
MEETING OF BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESS
October 6, 2014

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, October 6, 2014 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: Richard Raucci, Chuck Rockwell, Christopher Schmeisser, and Barbara Wagner.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

The September 15, 2014 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Burgess Rockwell made a Motion to approve the minutes seconded by Burgess Schmeisser, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Freeholders I

Pat Del Vecchio of 56 Mark Street said she is concerned that drivers are ignoring the one way signage at the entrance of Abigail and Mark streets. Warden Bonessi suggested that Burgess Raucci and Pat Del Vecchio take this off line.

Tina DellaValle of 135 Kings Highway had a concern about the agenda item concerning the nomination of the new Borough Constable for this evening. Warden Bonessi responded that it was a typo and that the Clerk was unaware that there was additional interest for the Borough position. Tina Della Valle wanted to get a better handle on the process of choosing the new Constable.

Report of the Tax Collector

None

Report of the Warden

Warden Bonessi reported:

- A letter will be going out to the owners of 11 Clinton Street concerning their porch that is encroaching the right of way.
- FEMA has requested a conference call concerning our appeal over their decision concerning reimbursement due damages from storm Irene and we are hoping for a positive outcome.
- Jim Mallico has reinforced the bump out with six additional yards of concrete and all charges are included in the current billing.
- Jim Mallico has been working for a year to find a contractor that is willing take on such a small job to coat the bump out with GUNIT.
- A swastika on the sidewalk located at 104 Beach Ave that previously had been covered over has reappeared, and I have asked Jim Mallico to take care of it.

Report of the Constable September 2014 (2nd Half)

There were no complaints or problems to report on for the second half of the month.

Warden Bonessi asked Constable Jablonski if he had any parting words, and Constable Jablonski said that it has been a pleasure. Constable Jablonski was then asked by Warden Bonessi to stay and assist the Constable to be chosen this evening in getting started, especially since Halloween is coming up.

Report of the Clerk None.

Report of the Treasurer

Disbursements Meeting October 6, 2014

BOROUGH		LIBRARY	
Robet Listorti	\$230.88	Evergreen Printing Supplies	\$294.33
Robert Listorti	\$29.40	Cash	\$200.00
Kelley Cummings	\$744.34	TOTAL	\$494.33
Raymond Jablonski	\$44.68		
William Guelakis	\$1,054.38	BUILDING COMMITTEE	
Joseph Rogers	\$115.43	Environmental Testing & Consulting	\$2,800.00
Lynn Foss	\$320.00	Pat Del Vecchio	\$50.00
So. Conn Gas Co.	\$81.01	TOTAL	\$2,850.00
So. Conn Gas Co.	\$42.55		
Tim' Auto	\$215.92		
United Illuminating Co	\$176.09		
United Illuminating Co.	\$105.59		
United Illuminating Co.	\$121.86		
TOTAL	\$3,282.13		
CITY			
Malico Paving Co.	\$116,529.20		
United Illuminating Co.	\$2,417.25		
TOTAL	\$118,946.45		

Committee Reports:

Planning & Zoning None

Police & Safety None

House

Burgess Rockwell reported that:

- An open house on September 23rd took place as part of the rebidding process with eight shows, six old and two new with the rebid opening to take place tomorrow, at 10AM, at Borough Hall, on October 7th. We are hoping for bids under \$750K this time.
- Switched the water over to the Borough effective October 1st for 126 Kings Highway.
- The gas company will be firing up the boiler at 126 Kings Highway.
- The water is turned off upstairs at 126 Kings Highway. Warden Bonessi responded saying the water has been turned off for over a year and if there seems to be an issue with it, it should be looked into.
- We have a STEAP grant extension until June 30th from Mrs. Taylor in Hartford.
- Burgess Rockwell said that he would be available, tomorrow night from 7PM until 8PM, to answer any committee members or anyone else who may have questions about the new bids for the firehouse renovations.
- He was calling a special meeting, Tuesday October 14th, for the building committee to select and vote on a contractor.
- He is cancelling the Monday October 20th meeting for the building committee.

Lighting

None

Beaches

None

Public Works

None

Finance

None

Library

None

Beautification

Warden Bonessi requested that Pat Del Vecchio have an offline conversation with him within the next week.

Beautification report submitted by Pat Del Vecchio:

- Last meeting of the 2014 year is October 30 at 3 pm, instead of 4 pm, to allow time for a walkabout assessment of the Borough to update mappings and assess needs for next year.
- Please send email to committee of any ideas or concerns Burgesses would like us to consider.

Approval of Bills

Bills are in circulation.

Unfinished Business

None

Old Business

1. Clear/cut trees in rear of 128 Kings Highway
2. Leaf scorch horse chestnut tree located in Doolittle Park

Burgess Schmeisser Motioned to table old business until the next meeting seconded by Burgess Raucci, and the Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Nomination discussions and appointment of Borough Constable

Warden Bonessi said three people had showed an interest in the Constable position. A gentleman that he spoke with withdrew after hearing about the positions responsibilities that now leaves Tina DellaValle and Donna Mallico. Warden Bonessi said that everyone has seen the information that they have sent in and at this point would like to have a nomination and discussion before we make our decision.

Burgess Schmeisser Motioned that Donna Mallico be nominated for Borough Constable, seconded by Burgess Raucci, the Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion about the candidates ensued.

Tina DellaValle wanted to know more about the responsibilities of the Constable. Warden Bonessi asked Constable Jablonski to explain and Constable Jablonski proceeded to explain his responsibilities.

Tina DellaValle questioned the selection process and Burgess Schmeisser proceeded to explain the process.

Clerk Guelakis swore in Donna Mallico as Borough Constable.

2. Authorize the Warden to spend up to \$38,000 for the application of GUNIT to the bump-out at Crescent Beach.

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A discussion about finding a contractor willing to take on this job since it is so small and the necessity to apply a surface seal followed.

Freeholders II

Pat Del Vecchio of 56 Mark St said that she was very sorry to see Ray Jablonski go after all the time he has spent as Constable.

Tina DellaValle of 135 Kings Highway said that she endorsed Donna Mallico as Constable. She questioned the Borough machine.

Raymond Jablonski of 25 Bonsilene St said that he would like to thank everyone for their help while Constable and that it was pleasure working with everyone. He added that while working at the power plant, GUNIT was used and that is a very durable and that it should hold up very well.

Outstanding Items

None

- At 8:32P.M. Warden Bonessi entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Raucci, seconded by Burgess Wagner and the Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by William Guelakis
Woodmont Clerk