

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT
Minutes of the Board of Warden & Burgesses
August 7, 2017

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, August 7, 2017 at Woodmont Borough Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Warden Bonessi at 8:01 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, Treasure Robert Listorti, Beautification Committee Chair Pat Del Vecchio and Tax Collector Lynn Foss.

Initiate of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

The July 17, 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

Pat Del Vecchio of 56 Mark Street read the following letter from Jacquie Honek of 102 Beach Ave concerning lighting/signage:

I would like to thank Donna Mallico for all the new signage. The streets are marked so much better now and hopefully, soon, people will start to abide by the signs.

I would very much like to thank the street light committee for a job well done and for brightening up the streets. The end of Village Road, the Beach Avenue sidewalk, the bench across the street from my home and the curve near Crescent Beach/Potato Rock are illuminated very nicely now. This used to be a very dark area and at times, a late night gathering spot. The lighting seems to have made the area feel a bit safer, has cut down on some unwanted late night "activity" in the area and on that bench while making the sidewalk safer to walk at night. Suzie (my dog) likes it too as it has brightened up the side yard. I definitely feel safer and I greatly appreciate that.

Thank you again for your time and dedication to making Woodmont a well-marked, brighter and safer community.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacquie Honek

Carmen Corvino of 31 Chapel Street would like to have the meeting time for Board of Warden and Burgesses changed to an earlier time of 7PM or 7:30PM. Warden Bonessi said that her request would be added to the agenda for the August 21, 2017 meeting.

Maryann Maier of 157 Kings Highway, #13, brought two of her paintings of Woodmont. Maryann said she is willing to donate them to the Borough and will leave them for the Board's consideration.

Report of the Tax Collector

Tax Collector Lynn Foss reported that \$77,367.94 has been collected from processed receipts for the tax year 2016 except for approximately \$1,000 from prior years. Warden Bonessi said that \$50,000 in back taxes are still owed to the Borough.

Taxes are due no later than September 1, 2017 for tax year 2016.

Warden Bonessi stated that many freeholders are still stuffing their payments in our mailbox. The return envelope when mailed is delivered to a lock box at Webster Bank and checks are recorded and cashed in about 3 days. Mailing your taxes will help eliminate a tremendous amount manual work and time for the Borough.

Report of the Warden

Senior Burgess Barrett read the following report submitted by Warden Bonessi:

- Spent over five hours last week with contractors, THP, Burgess Kish. We are going to send out a letter due to poor service and noncompliance.
- Woodmont Day was a success

Report of the Constable

Constable Mallico submitted the following report for July 2017:

07/01 - No problems, multiple Ck's of Mark St, Village Rd, Doolittle park, (no issues). Complaint of fireworks on beach.

07/02 - (Day) City parking lot by anchor parking sign cover by sticker officer removed suggest 2 more signs, 11 parking tickets, 1 written warning. (Eve) 2 parking, 1 verbal.

07/03 - (Eve) 2 parking, 2 verbal.

07/04 - (Day) 1 parking, 1 assist in Borough, 1 assist out of Borough. (MV accident car vs motorcycle on Edgefield)

Neighbor complaining about fireworks of other neighbor, Rosemary Court complaint about trespassers on private property, Extra Ck's Anchor, Doolittle park, Village Rd, Mark St (Village Bistro).

(Eve) Assist in Borough (Burglar alarm on Hawley) false alarm.

Assist out of Borough (fight at gas station Merwin/ New Haven Ave)

07/07 - 1 parking, 1 assist out of Borough (New Haven Ave/ Sparrowbush)
Multiple Ck's Doolittle, Mark St, Village Rd.

07/08 - 1 assist in Borough (fishermen argument), 1 assist out of Borough (MV accident with injuries Anderson/ Ashwood. Extra Ck's Mark St, Abigail St. & Village Road.

07/14 - Slow night, light rain. Multiple Ck's Doolittle park, Mark St., Abigail St. & Village Rd. no violations.

07/15 - 1 Verbal (wrong way uber driver on beach Avenue), multiple Ck's Doolittle park, Village Rd, Abigail St. & Mark St. Removed tent and occupant from beach @ 10:45 pm at request of Constable informed the occupant that there is no camping on the beach left without incident.

07/21 - Area extremely quiet no issues observed.

07/22 - 3 parking tickets, checked Doolittle park every 30 to 45 minutes @ request of Constable.

07/28 - 1 verbal warning, multiple Ck's Beach Ave, Borough hall, Village Rd, & Doolittle park.

07/29 - **WOODMONT DAY.**

(Day)- 4 verbals, warn people about parking on streets and corners, talked with kids on bikes warned them they would be taken. Private party on Hawley between Village & Chapel warned to move off street and keep clear.

(Eve) - Male found intoxicated Beach Ave. and Wall St. sent for a evaluation. Village Rd, Mark St & Abigail St no parking issues.

Total gas for July \$ 74.40

I would like to say **THANK YOU** to the Woodmont Day committee and volunteers you did a phenomenal job. I know it takes a lot of time & hard work to put this festival together and it does not go unnoticed. This day every year brings our community together and very much appreciated by all. I also have to commend you on leaving the park in the condition that you did it was immaculate. Thanks to all again.

Donna Mallico

Report of the Clerk.

No Report.

Report of the Treasurer

No Report.

Committee Reports:

Planning & Zoning

No Report.

Police & Safety

No Report.

House

Burgess Rockwell reported that on August 14th and 15th the new sub pumps will be installed and any other small plumbing projects will be done.

Burgess Kish discussed the two proposals for electrical work needed for the warming kitchen.

Lighting

Burgess Kish reported that the LED replacement program for the Borough of Woodmont has been completed. Burgess Kish thanks Carmen and Jackie for their positive feedback about the lighting. Approximately 164 lights were installed and we have not been any complaints to date

Beaches

Burgess Kish stated in the last meeting freeholders had requested that the beach at the end of Anderson Ave be cleaned of rocks. We have not yet reached a solution to date. Photographs have been sent to the State of Connecticut to get their feedback on our options.

Public Works

No Report.

Finance

No Report.

Library

Burgess Wagner reported that some the library's volunteers attended Woodmont Day to drum business.

Beautification

Beautification Committee Chair Del Vecchio reported:

- Need approval two new Memorial Bench Requests: Frank Grazioso and Debra Del Vecchio have submitted applications for refurbished benches at last two benches along Beach Ave. in memory of family and parents, each accompanied by payment of \$600.00. \$1200.00 will be deposited tonight, if approved by board. Plaque orders would then be placed. APPROVED.
- 4th deposit: \$1400.00 for Last Chance Memorial Bricks for a total of of \$2200.00 to date with 41 bricks sold.
- Brick applications to date, listed in order of applications received:
 1. A. Catapano \$50.00
 2. L. Natowich \$50.00
 3. M. Treat \$50.00
 4. E. Penn \$100.00 *payment for multiple bricks.
 5. E. Penn
 6. S. Davis \$50.00
 7. S. Steady \$50.00
 8. J. Ressler \$50.00
 9. J. Lynch \$50.00
 10. K. Neff \$100.00 *payment for multiple bricks.
 11. K. Neff
 12. K. Murphy \$50.00
 13. K. Cummings \$50.00
 14. T. Chaucer \$150.00 *payment for multiple bricks.
 15. T. Chaucer
 16. T. Chaucer
 17. N. Austin \$50.00
 18. S. Bliss \$50.00
 19. T. Crutchfield \$50.00
 20. M. Burgard \$50.00
 21. B. Cummings \$50.00
 22. P. Cuzino \$50.00
 23. P. Doheny \$50.00
 24. N. Holt \$00.00 * in appreciation for photo collection donation.
 25. S. Stein \$250.00 *payment for multiple bricks.
 26. S. Stein
 27. S. Stein
 28. S. Stein
 29. S. Stein
 30. K. Frost \$50.00
 31. H. Gil \$50.00
 32. R. Goulart \$50.00
 33. D. Griffin \$50.00
 34. J. King \$50.00
 35. C. Langley \$50.00
 36. K. Murphy \$50.00 * for B. Wetch
 37. M. Noonan \$50.00

38. P. Porter	\$50.00
39. P. Proulx	\$150.00 *payment for multiple bricks.
40. P. Proulx	
41. P. Proulx	
42. K. Walker	\$50.00

Total of 2 deposits made today to Beautification Line item: \$3400.00

Approval of Bills

Bills are going around.

Unfinished Business

None.

Old Business

New Business

Burgess Rockwell Motioned to Amend the agenda to include a discussion and to approve the proposed 2018 – 2019 Borough budget, seconded by Burgess Schmeisser, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Burgess Schmeisser lead a discussion concerning the proposed budget.

Burgess Kish Motioned to approve the proposed 2018 – 2019 Borough budget, seconded by Burgess Rockwell, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Burgess Kish Motioned to Amend the agenda to approve option 2 of the proposed electrical worked needed for the warming kitchen, seconded by Burgess Wagner, and the Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion followed.

Burgess Rockwell Motioned to approve option 2 of the proposed electrical worked needed for the warming kitchen, seconded by Burgess Schmeisser, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Freeholders II.

Hearing None.

- At 8:42 P.M. Warden Bonessi entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Wagner, seconded by Burgess Rockwell and the Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by William Guelakis
Woodmont Clerk