

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT
Approved Minutes of the Board of Warden & Burgesses
January 6, 2020

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, January 6, 2020 at Woodmont Borough Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Senior Burgess Barrett at 8:02 P.M. In attendance were Burgesses: John Barrett, Kelly Graham, Robert Kish, Chuck Rockwell, and Barbara Wagner.

Also, present were: Clerk Wm. Guelakis, Tax Collector Lynn Foss and Treasure Robert Listorti.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

The December 2, 2019 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

William Thomas of 1618 New Haven Ave said that he moved to Woodmont in June 2019 and used a Westport lawyer for the closing. All taxes were trued up at that time except there was no mention of a Borough of Woodmont tax and I have an issue on how these are communicated now and going forward for future purchasers of property in the Borough of Woodmont. The only notification was our realtor who mentioned a Borough tax and I expected a letter of notification from the Borough. In July, the notices mailed went to the former owners and I wasn't aware of my taxes until receiving a form letter in December, addressed to the former owners, stating that I had back taxes owed. I contacted Lynn Foss, tax collector, and paid my taxes. I have always paid my taxes and now have to pay accrued interest on taxes I wasn't aware of. I would like to volunteer to help notify new owners concerning Borough real estate taxes. Burgess Rockwell said that Mr. Thomas should file a claim against his title insurance and also explained how the city of Milford informs attorneys about the Borough of Woodmont taxes. Burgess Rockwell continued to explain how title insurance policies work. Burgess Barrett explained the bottle neck due to all name changes on property ownership are the responsibility of the Milford tax collector, not the Borough of Woodmont.

Report of the Tax Collector

Tax Collector Lynn Foss said that she that the late notices for tax year 2018 went out. Lynn Foss said that \$4428.74 was collected this month, and that \$11,500 of tax year 2018 was still outstanding out of a total of \$16,067 of owed taxes. The balance of previous years will be given to Attorney Cohen at the beginning of next month.

Report of the Warden

No Report.

Report of the Constable

No Report.

Report of the Clerk.

No Report.

Report of the Treasurer

DISBURSEMENTS JANUARY 6, 2020

BOROUGH OPERATING FUND		LIBRARY	
			\$29.3
Teddi Mickus (payroll)	\$450.00	Demco	9
	\$1,026.3	Fronti	\$120.9
Lynn Foss (payroll)	0	er	7
		TOTAL	\$150.3
Donna Mallico (payroll)	\$46.17	L	6
James Mundy (payroll)	\$310.48		
William Guelakis (payroll)	\$1,054.33		
Robert Listorti (payroll)	\$230.87		
Donna Mallico (reimbursement)	\$35.07		
Ed Bonessi (reimbursement)	\$143.70		
Optimum (Bor Hall)	\$129.71		
So Conn Gas Co (Bor Hall)	\$841.47		
United Illum Co (Bor Hall)	\$475.89		
Cardmember Service (Bor Credit Card)	\$43.54		
Devon Rotary (Security Dep. Return)	\$200.00		
TOTAL	\$4,987.53		

CITY OPERATING FUND	
	\$4,770.00
Mallico Paving (public works)	0
United Illum Co (street lights)	\$1,629.41
United Illum Co (street lights)	\$45.07
Marvin Display Flags)	\$1,355.15
Apple Valley Irrigation (pub Works)	\$125.00
E&D Landscaping (pub works)	\$6,570.00
	0
Sherwood Sportsturf (pub works)	\$1,242.50
G.R.O.W.E.R.S. (pub works)	\$225.00
	\$15,962.13
TOTAL	3

Committee Reports:

Planning & Zoning

Burgess Wagner said that a neighbor had submitted a blight report for 6 Anderson Ave. Burgess Wagner received an email from the neighbor wondering if there was anything else that could be done. Burgess Wagner looked into their tax payments and found that they have not been paid in full for this year. Burgess Rockwell responded by summarizing the issues and outcome of previous blight issues with the property last summer. Burgess Barrett suggested that Burgess Rockwell compose a blight complaint on the behalf of the Board.

Police & Safety

No Report.

Jim Mallico said that on Wall St a car is parked on the left side, at the corner, making it hard to plow. This situation has been an on-going problem. Jim Mallico said that he has been asking the police to look into this situation on a regular basis.

House

Burgess Rockwell reported:

- That the Borough Hall has been vandalized with a 40-foot copper leader, downspout, and a portion of another having been stolen. Will replace with a painted plastic leader.
- The emergency generator inspection on December 13th required a dead battery be replaced and that the alternator needs replacement at a cost of \$888.00. Burgess Barrett questioned how we were they able to test the system on a regular basis with a dead backup battery. Burgess Rockwell said the inspector said that the testing was powered off the building with the power going through the battery. Burgess Barrett suggested we reference the logs. A discussion on testing followed. Burgess Barrett suggested that we purchase monitoring equipment sold by the manufacturer that will tell use over the internet whether the generator test worked or failed.

Lighting

No Report.

Beaches

Burgess Kish said that we are making good progress with the flag pole. Everyone helping with the pole replacement has been hired, the pole will be delivered tomorrow, and that scheduling for its installation will be hopefully within one-month, weather permitting. Mayor Blake has been very generous by agreeing to pay for a 120-ton crane to be used to replace the flag pole.

Public Works

No Report.

Finance

No Report.

Library

No Report.

Beautification Committee

No Report.

Approval of Bills

Bills are going around.

Old Business

New Business

Freeholders II.

William Thomas of 1618 New Haven Ave. said that Warden Bonessi's wife, Raquel, is working on a welcome letter for the Borough and that it should include something about the Borough taxes.

At 8:28 P.M. Senior Burgess Barrett entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Graham, seconded by Burgess Wagner and the Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by William Guelakis

Woodmont Clerk