

**Meeting of the Board of Warden and Burgesses**  
**Approved Minutes June 6, 2022**  
**THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT**  
128 Kings Highway  
Woodmont, Connecticut 06460

**The meeting of the Board and Burgesses of the Borough of Woodmont** was held on Monday, June, 6, 2022 at Woodmont Borough Hall.

**Warden Ed Bonessi called the meeting to order** at 8:01 P.M.

**Burgesses:** Kelly Graham, Barbara Wagner, Christopher Schmeisser, Bob Kish, Chuck Rockwell, Treasurer Bob Listorti and Clerk Rebecca Flynn.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board reviewed and had two edits to the May 2022 minutes.

- Fix spelling of 'sewer' in house report.
- Correct language in Freeholders I regarding high water line and the CT Trust.

Burgess Rockwell requests a motion to adjust the May 2022 Meeting Agenda to move New Business before Freeholders I, motion approved.

**New Business**

New Constable, Ferenc "Frank" Bozso, sworn in by Burgess Rockwell.

New Burgess of Police and Safety, Michael Bihary, sworn in by Burgess Rockwell.

Clerk Flynn presented Constable Mallico and Burgess Graham awards for their service to the Borough.

**Freeholders I**

Katie Murphy, Hawley Ave, presented a map and aerial photos of the Borough donated by the Berndtson Family. Ms. Murphy wanted on record that she felt the display of American flags throughout the Borough seems excessive and expensive when there are properties that already have the American flag. She was curious of the history and mentioned in may look like a tag sale or festival.

**Report of the Tax Collector:**

Borough of Woodmont tax bills have gone out- it is critical residents use the enclosed envelope to pay the bill to be processed correctly.

**Report of the Warden:**

New municipal auditor has been brought on.

Streets have all been paved that were contracted to do so.

A flag will be added to where the sign is on the corners of Kings Highway and New Haven Ave, as well as lighting.

**Report of the Constable:**

Incidents at Walnut Beach over Memorial Day are on our and MPD radars.

**Report of the Clerk:**

No Report.

**Report of the Treasurer:**

Checks circulating tonight.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning and Zoning:**

No Report

**Police and Safety:**

No Report

**House:**

There was a failure in the irrigation system, Apple Valley came out to fix the issue.

**Street Lighting:**

Progress has been made at Borough Hall on tree and flag lighting

**Beaches:**

The beach was raked at the end of May.

Warden Bonessi mentioned he would like Jay Hannon to look at the beaches for the potential to rake again.

**Public Works:**

No Report

**Finance:**

COVID funds ability to be used for paving needs to get on the record.

**Library:**

The Children's Section has had a revamp. A new story time and craft will be hold on June 23. Children's Department is working on a special project with the new daycare at Fannie Beach.

**Beautification Committee:**

(Submitted by Pat Del Vecchio)

Total of funds available for 2022 per 2021 Annual Meeting: \$5100.00

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#### Concerns:

\*Committee planned to add Rosa Ragusa plantings to carefully selected areas along Beach Avenue from Anchor Beach to Chapel Street. **DENIED**

\*Last Bench dedicated on New Haven Ave. in 2021. No other benches available at this time. 3 replacement bench sides and boards in garage for repair to existing benches.

\*Recommended changing bench style to one similar to City benches. **DENIED**

\*New sign designed without input from committee and changing the look of 5 entrances.

#### Completed in 2022:

- 20 benches repaired and painted.
- 1 lid replaced at Anchor Beach, 2 lanyards replaced on Beach Av.
- Built and added 8 trash cans 7 for use on Beach Avenue by Trubee Doolittle Park to replace last of metal pails and 1 for reserve to use as necessary. 2 extra replacement lids added to replenish inventory.
- Oversaw maintenance of Borough gardens: still waiting on replacement plants for Dunbar and Village gardens.

#### Recommendations for repair/replacement:

- Replace metal can with last new trash barrel on Rosemary CT.
- Replace 4 End of Road signs at Beach and Chapel, Beach and Usher, Beach and Devol, and Spencer St. 3 sets of signs are in garage, 1 would need to be ordered.
- Still awaiting replacement sign and lighting for Kings Highway and New Haven Av. Welcome sign.
- Replace Bike Rack at Anchor Beach. Coordinate with the Kaoud family (Nancy Arnold).
- Replace railing at beach access at Villa Rosa off Abigail St.

Thank you to Tom Toigo, Ken Sabol, Jim and Donna Mallico and E and D Landscaping for their help.

#### Further Actions:

- Accepted Tom Toigo's resignation from Committee: June 6, 2022.
- Resignation as Committee Chair: June 6, 2022
- Recommendation of Kit Schmeisser as new Chairperson.

It has been Tom's and my pleasure to be a part of this committee since 2008 and me, as chair, since 2009.

#### **Approval of Bills**

Bills are being sent around to be approved and checks signed.

Burgess Rockwell requests a motion to adjust the May 2022 Meeting Agenda to add 'Borough Hall Rental Fee Adjustments', motion approved.

#### **Borough Hall Rental Fee Adjustments**

Burgess Rockwell said Hall Rentals are becoming business and with that comes more time managing the property. He suggested we increase fees to be more in line with the requests we are receiving as well as the competitive market. After much discussion the proposed cost increases and caveats that will be discussed at the next board meeting are:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<b>Hall Rental</b>		
Residents	\$250	\$350
Non-Residents	\$450	\$500
<b>Additional Hours</b>	\$50/hr	\$100/hr
Monitor Fee	\$15/hr	\$25/hr
Maintenance Fee	\$15/hr	\$25/hr
Meeting Fee	NA	\$25 per possible rental

New caveats;

This will apply to any bookings made after July 1<sup>st</sup>, previous reservations are grandfathered in.

A maximum time limit needs to be decided.

More monitors need to be hired.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Motion to Approval of New Municipal Auditor was approved.

**Freeholders II.**

Tim Phelan, Kings Highway, wanted to make the board aware that the speed on Kings Highway continues to be a problem and would like the board to take a further look into what can be done.

- Questions posed were stronger traffic enforcement, usage of a speed monitor or any other preventative actions.
- Considerations mentioned by Burgess Bihary and Constable Bozso were installing speed humps; there is a precedence in Walnut Beach for these and because they are removable will not pose an issue for winter plowing.
- This will be up for further discussion at our next meeting.

At 9:02 P.M. Warden Bonessi made a Motion to end the meeting. Motion approved.

Minutes taken by Rebecca Flynn