

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 26, 2021  
6:30 PM**

Administrator Tully announced that the meeting is being held by electronic means. He is hosting it at Borough Hall.

Flag Salute-Councilwoman Rossillo; Moment of Silence for all the lives lost to COVID-19

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the time, date and location of this public meeting of the Governing Body by means of communication equipment, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b). Notice was sent to the Record and the Ridgewood News, posted on the Borough website, Borough Hall and Facebook.

**Roll Call:**

Council members Chae, Gorman, Harvilla, Rossillo, Stewart-present

Councilman Englese: absent

Mayor Andrew LaBruno: present

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the January 6, 2021 Sine Die meeting: Councilman Chae

Second: Councilman Harvilla

Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Gorman, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

Councilman Harvilla abstained

Motion to approve the January 6, 2021 Reorganization Meeting: Councilman Chae

Second: Councilman Harvilla

Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Gorman, Harvilla, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor LaBruno reported that there was a teleconference with the DPW pertaining to investing in a repaving program. Quackenbush & Lafayette-we received a CDBG grant for Quackenbush; Grant Avenue-Phase 1 and 2-funding from DOT and Colonial Parkway-for which we applied for a CDBG grant.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no reports from Council members Chae, Harvilla or Rossillo.

- Councilman Gorman

*Recreation*

The Commission will have new by-laws very soon.

- Councilwoman Stewart

*Finance*

The committee will begin the budget process.

*Social Services*

They are feeding people-9,000 lbs. of food this week.

*Stigma-free*

They are looking into inspirational signage.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

No report

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Mr. Tully will be speaking to Bond Counsel this week regarding capital projects the Borough will be doing. The Shade Tree process will be updated. Dumont will have a new website by March.

**Professionals for the new building:**

Joe Cascio, project manager, reported that Bennett has completed all but some punch list items. The Police Department will be moving in in a couple of weeks. We are waiting for Verizon in order for the rest of the employees can move in. Change Order #4 is comprised of seven PCO’s, including a lot of soil removal. It was reduced by \$30,000 Bennett tried to put in for.

The cost of the building overall is approximately \$23,000,000. The monopole, the 911 with Goosetown and furniture still have to be completed.

Mr. Schlecht, the architect explained that the ceiling for the Police Department should be delivered soon.

**Review of Consent Agenda Items:** All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

**RESOLUTIONS**

- #21-62 Waiver-St. Mary’s Raffle Payment to the Borough \*
- #21-63 Removal of Troy Hilken and Michael Stevens from the Per Diem Dispatcher List \*
- #21-64 RER-Authorization of Execution of Agreement-Disposal of Vegetative Waste \*
- #21-65 Approval of Joining the County of Bergen in Applying for a LEAP Challenge \*
- #21-66 Authorization of the 2020 Budget Transfer \*
- #21-67 Approval of Change Order #4 for the Municipal Building-\$168,527.35 \*
- #21-68 Approval of Submission of an Application to CDBG for Resurfacing Colonial Parkway \*
- #21-69 Authorization to Advertise for Bids for the Municipal Parking Lot \*
- #21-70 Approval of Selzer School Calendar Raffle to be held February 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021; RL#562; ID#109-5-37089 \*
- #21-71 Approval of Purchase of IT Equipment for the New Municipal Building-22,321.00 \*
- #21-72 Rebecca Vazquez-Approval of Salary Increase-\$52,048 \*
- #21-73 William Kelleher-Stipend of \$5,000 \*
- #21-74 Authorization of Execution of 2019 Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract \*

Motion to open to the public on Consent Agenda items: Councilman Chae  
Second: Councilman Harvilla

All in favor.

1. Tracy Zur, Bergen County Commissioner, referred to Resolution #65. She complimented Dumont for doing an incredible job of serving the needs of those who are struggling with basic food requirements during the pandemic and for partnering with the County. This grant will enable us to get a computerized platform for all the communities in the County and provide more resources to the people in need. Thank you for your support and compassion.
2. Lynne Vietri, Wilkens, asked why all committee reports weren't given.
3. John Sansone, Beacon St., said he appreciates the explanation by the professionals but needs more information regarding whether leases and purchase of properties were included.
4. Bruce deLyon, Beacon St, asked the cost of Colonial Parkway. He feels that the parking lot should have been paved all at once. He addressed Resolution #73, saying someone in the DPW should be used instead.
5. Mary Normoyle, Randolph Avenue, asked how the \$5,000 stipend would be prorated. She asked about Gina's Field and plans. She asked why there was a payment of \$1,500 for Cliffhanger when we didn't have Dumont Day.
6. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Ave., asked what the contract in Resolution #74 covers. She asked if we are bonding for this. She would like to see the plans, not just the resolution. What is the IT equipment needed for in the new building? Do we need all new furniture?

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Chae

Second: Councilman Harvilla

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilman Chae

Second: Councilman Harvilla

Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Gorman, Harvilla, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

## **ORDINANCE**

### ***First Reading***

**#1583** The Establishment of the Borough of Dumont Committee of Cultural Affairs, Diversity, Inclusivity and Celebrations

Motion to waive Formal Reading: Councilman Chae

Second: Councilman Harvilla

All in favor.

Councilmembers Stewart and Chae are happy we are enacting this ordinance, especially during these times and to celebrate different cultures in town.

Motion to pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Councilman Chae

Second: Councilman Harvilla

Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Gorman, Harvilla, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

Motion to open to the public for general public comment: Councilman Chae

Second: Councilman Harvilla

All in favor.

1. Carmine DeMarco stated that he was one of the founders of the non-profit Food

Brigade. They have donated approximately 27 tons of food. Food insecurity seems to be worsening. People are picking up food at Calvary Church. Thank you to Reverend Wing for providing a base of operations.

2. John Sansone, Beacon St., feels that paving the streets is good. He asked if the paving of the parking lot was in the bid.

3. deLyon, Beacon St. asked the total applied to for the Cares Act. There were six bond ordinances for the Municipal Building. He spoke of Capital Improvements plus change orders and settlement agreement to Bennett. The project is poorly designed. Beacon Street should be paved.

4. Mary Normoyle asked Mr. Leibman the status of the PILOT program. Are we in negotiations with the Police Department and DPW? What happened to the resolution that was pulled from the agenda a while ago regarding affordable housing and overdevelopment? What is the status of the Building Dept. lawsuit?

5. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Ave., said that the Gina's Field project should include girls' softball. She asked for updates on the website, An employee check information for accuracy. She asked what property is for sale and is alluded to in one of the closed session resolutions. She mentioned cement barricades in front of the new building. She said she applied for volunteering on a committee but was never acknowledged.

6. Lynne Vietri asked how people are chosen for committees. How were they chosen when the ordinance was not yet adopted? She read a letter that someone else wrote that more people should be included at Board of Ed meetings. There should be limited in-person meetings and streaming once we are in the new building. She asked about the five-minute cutoff for speakers.

7. Tom Kelly, Beacon St., said that he needs more specific information on the change orders. When will the trailers be removed? Was that fee included in the original plans? What was the issue with the resolution that was pulled? The next round will be 2025.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Chae

Second: Councilman Harvilla

All in favor.

Mayor LaBruno said that the County requires the Gina's Field resolution be adopted. The Borough received a credit for not paving the portion of the parking lot or moving the trailers. We received \$264,545.55 from the CARES Act. He said the volunteers for the new committee will be diverse. They are Mayoral appointments with the consent of the Council.

Administrator Tully explained that we are still documenting items for COVID. The first PILOT payment was received in the amount of \$99,882. It still has to be audited. Mr. Leibman stated that the audit is performed annually. Mr. Tully said the Borough is in negotiations with the Police Department and the DPW. Cliffhanger payment was cancelled. The amount of a CDBG grant is typically between \$85,000 and \$100,000. We are moving the IT equipment we have to the new building and updating where needed. There are changes in the original presentation of the Gina's Field presentation. There will be a presentation pertaining to the changes. The parking lot was in the original

bid. There is no paving during the winter. The new website will be more user-friendly. The five-minute timeline for speakers is still in place but he tries not to interrupt them.

Mr. Cascio stated that the purchase of the properties was included in the original price. Bollards were not included in the scope of work, fencing next to the police trailer; PCO's #45 and #49 is a negotiated amount with Bennett for coordination purposes.

The Municipal Clerk read the Closed Session resolution to discuss:

Contract Negotiations-Asplint

Motion to enter Closed Session:

Councilman Chae

Second: Councilman Harvilla

Roll call vote: Council members Chae, Gorman, Harvilla, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

Following closed session:

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Chae

Second: Councilman Harvilla

All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC  
Municipal Clerk