

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
MINUTES
EXECUTIVE SESSION
FEBRUARY 6, 2007
7:00 PM**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Flag Salute; Silent Prayer

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 date, time and place of the regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was mailed to *The Record* and *The News Leader* and filed with the Borough of Dumont January 4, 2007.

ROLL CALL:

Council members: Abrahamsen, Caspare, Manna, McQuade, Stylianou, Zamechansky
Mayor: Matthew McHale

SPECIAL PUBLIC PORTION

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.

Motion to remove Resolution #07-68 from the consent agenda: Councilman McQuade
Second: Councilman Caspare
All in favor.

Mayor McHale welcomed guests Mr. and Mrs. Portner who recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary and congratulated them. Mr. Portner had been a music teacher in Dumont.

Councilman McQuade congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Portner and commented that the length of time they have been married shows the love they have for each other. Councilman Caspare, as a teacher in Dumont and a longtime resident of Dumont, also extended best wishes to them.

Mayor McHale read the proclamation into the record:

**RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF
VINCENT AND ELEANOR PORTNER**

WHEREAS, a 70th wedding anniversary is a splendid occasion and calls for much celebration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Portner of Dumont, New Jersey have reason to rejoice; since their wedding on January 19, 1937 Vincent and Eleanor have spent 70 years together in loyalty and devotion; and

WHEREAS, the family of this beloved couple joined them on January 19, 2007 to congratulate them and share in their warmth and joy; and

WHEREAS, the loving respect Vincent and Eleanor share with one another is evident to all who are fortunate enough to know them; and

WHEREAS, this happy couple was blessed with a wonderful daughter, Sharon and one grandchild;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Matthew P. McHale, Mayor of Dumont, do hereby join the relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Portner in extending them best wishes and congratulations on their 70th wedding anniversary.

Motion to adopt Resolution #07-68: Councilman McQuade

Second: Councilman Caspare

Roll call vote: Council members: Abrahamsen, Caspare, Manna, McQuade, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

RESOLUTIONS:

#07-59 Maureen Galligan hired as Police Dispatcher *

#07-60 Dumont High School Music Boosters 50/50 on-premise raffle 2/28/07 and 3/1/07-RL-240; ID#109-5-36714 *

#07-61 Enter into an agreement with DeMarco Communications, LLC for publication of the *Dumont Dispatch* *

#07-62 Authorization of Request for Qualifications for Special Projects Engineer *

#07-63 Accept applications of Firemen Coyle, Davis and Medina *

#07-64 Transfer Resolution *

#07-65 Honiss Volunteer Association Merchandise Raffle to be held at St. Mary's Church - 3/8/07-RL-243; ID#109-5-36533 *

#07-66 Honiss PTA off-premise Merchandise Raffle to be held 3/10/07 at Knights of Columbus-RL-244, ID#109-5-34953 *

#07-67 Honiss PTA off-premise 50/50 Raffle to be held 3/10/07 at Knights of Columbus-RL-245, ID#109-5-34953 *

#07-68 Recognition of the 70th Wedding Anniversary of Vincent and Eleanor Portner * (already been pulled and voted on)

#07-69 Authorization to Negotiate and Finalize Contract with Police Chief Venezia *

Mayor McHale explained that DeMarco Communications also do the Borough website. They would be entering into agreement with the Borough to publish and produce a monthly newspaper in order to keep our residents well-informed. The cost will be completely underwritten by our local businesses.

Councilman McQuade asked for clarification of the resolution concerning the Special Projects Engineer. The Mayor responded that there are times that special expertise is required for certain projects. This resolution would authorize the Governing Body to pre-qualify potential engineers if need be. The Borough attorney had communicated to the engineers who had already submitted their qualifications for 2007 that they would be considered, but by advertising for requests for qualifications, other firms would also be given an opportunity.

Councilman McQuade asked that #07-64, the transfer resolution be amended to read “the first three months of the fiscal year”.

Motion to amend the resolution: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Abrahamsen

All in favor.

Motion to pull from consent agenda: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Abrahamsen

Motion to open to the public on the Consent Agenda items: Councilman McQuade

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman McQuade

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members: Abrahamsen, Caspare, Manna, McQuade, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion passed.

Motion to adopt #07-64 as amended: Councilman McQuade

Second: Councilman Abrahamsen

Motion to open to the public: Councilman McQuade

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members: Abrahamsen, Caspare, Manna, McQuade, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion passed.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Abrahamsen

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Abrahamsen

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Motion to reconvene to executive session: Councilman Abrahamsen

Second: Councilman McQuade

All in favor.

Motion to go back into executive session: Councilman McQuade

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

The Borough Labor Counsel, Mr. Bernstein, is present.

Motion to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman McQuade

All in favor.

Motion passed.

Motion to reconvene executive session: Councilman Abrahamsen

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Carrino, Mr. Martinez, and Ms. Johnson were present.

- Pershing information will be sent to the DOT tomorrow for their review and authorization to advertise.
- Memorial Park, Green Acres will be advertised by the Borough Clerk in a couple of days.
- The sanitary pump stations-things are going well. There will be ultrasonic testing of the pump station enclosures to confirm the thickness.
- Mr. Martinez made a presentation on flood control for Area 1 and the three alternatives. It involves flooding areas such as Catawba Street, New Milford Avenue, and Fireman's Park; approximately 100 acres. The existing pipe system is very undersized and needs to be replaced. It does not offer protection from storms. The project costs would be needed before a decision can be made.

The Mayor asked how much park space would be lost if they did the proposed basin.

Mr. Carrino responded all of it would be lost so they would not be considering that option.

The design for Area 1 will be done and then it can be decided whether to do it in different phases. The Borough is awaiting a decision on the \$250,000 grant.

Administrator's Report

- There was an emergency at the White Beeches pump station in which a sanitary line ruptured. Matina & Sons were called in.
- The County Road Department will be video taping the storm sewer lines at no cost to the Borough
- Authorization is requested to go out to bid on getting rid of old equipment, police cars, etc.

- The price of a Fire Department Rescue Truck has come down so they are looking to go out to bid for that soon.
- The park equipment for Gina's Field and Lafayette Park has been installed. Moore Park is currently in the process of being done.
- Centralized purchasing should be considered.
- Cartridge World will be coming in to do a free needs assessment in the Borough. The cost will then be compared to Staples and WB Mason.
- The Recreation Department was given a copy of their Policies and Procedures for review and updating.
- An LED Message Sign by Millennium Signs was proposed. It can be funded by sponsors or through Ordinance #1299.
- Time and attendance phone log-in for employees was suggested.
- Mr. Perkins will be attending the NJEIT Financing seminar.
- The Sunset Park lock was vandalized.
- Emergency phone backup system-Administration and Police Department met with Paytec
- The Tenant Hotline is up and running.

Mayor McHale commented that the Shopping Cart Ordinance and Do Not Knock Ordinances will not be done. He asked about the CDBG grant received in the amount of \$110,000. He suggested that work be done on McKinley, Roosevelt and Dixon this year.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman McQuade

Finance: Councilman McQuade, Councilman Manna, the auditor, Mr. Perkins and the CFO met to discuss the budget

Health Department: appointments need to be made for their board

- Councilman Abrahamsen-nothing to report
- Councilwoman Zamechansky-nothing to report
- Councilman Manna

DPW: Mr. Ebenhack had requested that the line for White Beeches be videotaped.

The DPW trucks have been delivered.

Councilman Manna asked the Mayor to explain the process entailed in applying to the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee, of which Mayor McHale is the chairman. He noted that the Committee is planning to review the regulations and policies which currently govern application criteria.

- Councilman Caspare

Recreation: There is a meeting tomorrow night.

Master Plan: Mayor McHale, Councilman Manna, Mr. Layton (COAH consultant) and Mr. Neglia (Planner) participated in a conference call. Information had been distributed to the Planning Board for their review. There will be a Master Plan Advisory Board meeting soon.

- Councilman Stylianou

Zoning Board: the next meeting will be February 13th

Mayor McHale's Report

Appointments:

Ethics Board-one Republican member is still needed. Ms. Gayton, the president of the Dumont Republican Club, has not responded with a suggestion to fill that position. She will be notified tomorrow that she has one week to respond. If not, the Governing Body will select a Republican.

Zoning Board-the appointments have been filled

Planning Board- a Class II member (a non-elected Borough official required) and an Alternate are still needed. The Mayor would like to hold that position open until Dumont has the Environmental Commission in place and then appoint the Chairperson as the Class II member.

Rent Leveling Board-there are still some openings.

Library Board-appointments will be corrected and a resolution done at the next meeting. Mr. Paster stated that the Mayor and the Superintendent of Schools are automatically members of the Library Board.

Swim Club:

Councilman McQuade explained that they have decided on a five-year lease and that the amount they are currently paying will stay the same. Mr. Paster will write up a lease agreement.

Memorial Park:

The Mayor will be working with Mr. Carrino to finalize the Memorial Park project. He would then like to get input from the residents.

Domis:

The Governing Body should visit the Domis facility in Kearny.

Attorney's Report

- Mr. Paster reported that he has been working with the Borough engineer in assessing the payments due to the contractor who performed work on Park Avenue.
- A summary judgment in favor of the Borough was received in the matter of Whesper vs. the Borough of Dumont. The Police Department was exonerated.
- Mr. Paster prepared a resolution for review regarding the Library Board. The 2005 resolution was seriously flawed.
- The Solid Waste Bid specs have been complete and the bid advertised by the Borough Clerk. It has to be advertised 60 days prior to bid opening.
- Research was done regarding landlords' obligation to provide telephone access to individual apartments.
- Research was done regarding unleashed dogs on private property.
- After research, he found that in 1962 a deed was recorded from the Board of Education to the Borough for \$1.00. Borough Hall is owned by the Borough.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Caspare

All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Susan Connelly
Acting Borough Clerk