

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2007
PUBLIC MEETING
7:30 PM**

Flag Salute

Silent Prayer dedicated to the memory of Nick Schneider and Lt. Ricco, both of whom passed away recently.

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 sent to *The Record* and *The News Leader* and filed with the Borough of Dumont on January 4, 2007.

Roll Call:

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

Motion to accept agenda with the exception of Resolutions #180, which was pulled and #185, which was pulled from the Consent Agenda: Councilman McQuade
Second: Councilman Abrahamsen
All in favor.

Oath of Office administered by Mayor McHale to Keith Mullin who is being promoted to the office of Sergeant.

Proclamation- Challenge House Supporting Kids with Cancer, proclaiming July 3, 2007 as Challenge "Trip of a Lifetime 2007" Day. Councilman Caspare is planning to go to present them with this proclamation, baseball caps and a check for \$500.00.

Motion to recess: Councilman Abrahamsen
Second: Councilman Manna
All in favor.

Motion to go back into public session: Councilman Stylianou
Second: Councilman McQuade
All in favor.

Presentation by T&M Associates, the Borough engineers, regarding New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Program. This program began approximately three

years ago. Certain areas of the Borough are faced with chronic and persistent flooding issues. Sink holes were discovered on properties in the Catawba and New Milford area.

Mr. Carrino was introduced and explained that he and his team will give an overview of the Environmental Infrastructure Program.

Rose Santos is an engineer in charge of the sanitary pump stations and the NJEIT grant. She explained the financing program is one which was created in 1987 and is offered by the State to provide funding for projects such as stormwater, sewage, clean water projects. It is offered to municipalities and agencies such as highway agencies and sewage authorities. It provides a low cost twenty year loan-1/2 at 0% interest and 1/2 at market rate. 0% interim financing is also available. The application process in approximately a thirteen month process. All documents have been submitted. There are loan applications and design documents which must be reviewed and approved by the DEP. Once there is authorization by the DEP we can advertise. They have a blackout period from September 8, 2007 to November 15, 2007. Therefore, we are hopeful to go out to bid and receive bids prior to the blackout period.

Ms. Santos also explained the project for the rehabilitation of the pump stations at White Beeches, First Street, Second Street, Bridge Street and Lafayette Avenue. The improvements are based on an evaluation of each of the stations. There were several mechanical and electrical deficiencies. The improvements would also bring the stations up to appropriate standards.

Anthony Panzarino is the vice-president of T&M and a professional engineer. He will be handling the flood control program. T&M met with the DEP and looked at various drainage areas and identified five areas of concern. Area 2 is Brook Street near Madison Avenue; area 3 is Grant Avenue near Cresskill Avenue; area 4 is E. Washington between Larch Avenue and Brook Ct; area 5 is White Beeches; area 6 is auxiliary problem areas.

Area 1 is the area included in the NJEIT-Oak Street, Catawba Street, Dakota Avenue, and Bedford Road as well as Fireman's Park. Replacement of existing underside pipes with larger pipes, construction of additional inlets, and addition of curbs to control flow of water are some of the solutions to flooding problems. There are plans to replace the existing 30" outfall in Fireman's Park with a larger outfall capable of conveying the flows of water. There will be three trunk lines and riprap provided to prevent erosion in the stream.

Mr. Panzarino stated that we have received the Stream Encroachment permit and are currently reviewing the Soil Erosion. We will hopefully receive the final plans in mid-July and be able to advertise July 24th, receive bids August 21st, and award the bid in September, prior to the blackout period. They are currently preparing concept plans to provide a solution to the current flooding problems in areas 2 to 6.

The Mayor stated that a long term plan was needed to address to chronic flooding problems and to address the sink holes on public and private property and the crumbling infrastructure that Dumont is faced with. This is the first phase of many phases. We must be prudent in our financial commitments over the long term. These are capital notes which come out of our capital budget. Councilman McQuade, as the Finance chairman, has been working closely with the Borough auditor and our financial professionals to ensure that the Borough is not exposed and the impact on the homeowner is kept to a minimum. Initially we had \$1.2 million dedicated to this project but Congress did not

pass the necessary Appropriations Bill in 2006 so the Borough will not be the recipient of this money. We do, however, have a \$250,000 grant from the DEP for this project and will look into procuring other grants as well.

Councilman Manna expressed the importance of rehabilitation of the pump stations. Stormwater Management, which has been mandated by the DEP, ties into this NJEIT program.

The Mayor added that recently there was a meeting with the County of Bergen concerning the flooding problems of the Washington Avenue, Grant Avenue to Cresskill Avenue corridor. The County videotaped the line and found 90% blockage and two culvert collapses. It was discovered that Dumont had never asked for aid from the County prior to this. They have recommended to the Freeholder Board that Dumont be the recipient of approximately \$2.5 million to \$3.2 million infrastructure improvement for that corridor. The Mayor asked Mr. Carrino how long he expects the project to be and expressed concern about disruption to residents.

Mr. Carrino responded Area 1 and the pump stations, once the bid is awarded, would take approximately one year. Ms. Santos stated that there would be minimal disruption and that residents would be kept informed.

Mr. Perkins explained that the \$250,000 grant was not automatically received. This project had to be approved in order to qualify for enough funding to allow us to go out for this grant. Also noteworthy, the County has said that they will partner with us on their part of the project along New Milford, Catawba and Oak and some of the inlets. Therefore, part of the NJEIT funding may be saved and could possibly be used for another area in the future.

Motion to open to the public on this issue: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman McQuade

All in favor.

- Irwin Buchheister of 39 Cedar Road asked why all the pump stations do not have automatic pump stations.
- Sara Reiss of 30 Marion Avenue asked about funding for sewage problems.
- Andrew Hennelly of 99 W. Madison Avenue asked the total of the NJEIT project; whether the Bergen County Sewer Authority is involved and asked T&M if the work they did on this project was pro bono?
- Patrick Conner of 19 Medford Road asked if the rate for the loan gets locked in at the start of the project; what kind of fuel for the generators will be used and suggested there be a battery tender system for the generators.
- Sal Maurice of 25 Druid asked whether the stream from Randolph past Virginia Ave will be addressed. He will provide the Mayor and Council with the addresses of properties in that area which have sink holes.
- Mary Amato of 135 Randolph Avenue expressed concern about a sink hole by Grant School.

Motion to close public portion on the NJEIT: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman McQuade

All in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Abrahamsen was absent for approval of minutes.

Motion to approve minutes of the May 15, 2007 Executive Meeting: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

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

Motion passed.

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2007 Public Meeting: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Caspare

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

Motion passed.

Motion to approve the minutes of June 4, 2007 Executive Session: Councilman McQuade

Second: Councilman Stylianou

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

Councilman Caspare abstained.

Motion passed.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Caspare

Recreation

Councilman McQuade attended a Recreation meeting to explain finance, policies and procedures.

Councilman Stylianou and Councilman Caspare will be meeting with representatives to discuss permits and field usage.

Mr. Kelly sent a letter stating that he might have to resign due to his job responsibilities.

There are more than 400 children signed up for the Summer Recreation program.

Building Department

Eighty-five permits for house renovations were issued and thirty-three C.O.'s were issued for resales

Planning Board

The next meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2007

- Councilman Manna

Library

The Director is researching funding for the historic portion of the Dixon Homestead Library. She had to identify a qualified architect. The Director will make a presentation to the Board of Trustees and then present a letter of intent to file for the grant. There is a meeting scheduled June 20, 2007 at which time an architectural firm will be chosen.

DPW

In May 42 catch basins were cleared; 9 sewers needed to be addressed; and 4 sink holes were filled. Grass clippings are to be put in 32 gallon drums or proper receptacles only for pick up.

- Councilman Abrahamsen

Police

The Councilman read a letter which had been received by Chief Venezia from Marianne and Robert Hilsdorf. The letter was an expression of gratitude and pride for the Borough

of Dumont and the Police Department, which had displayed signs welcoming their son Danny home from Iraq.

There were 6,140 telephone calls received at headquarters in the month of May; there were 207 motor vehicle summons issued and 26 motor vehicle accidents reported. The Dumont police traveled 13,471 miles patrolling the town. Officer Hogan installed five child restraint seats into residents' cars at no cost-they were provided by the Borough and the County.

- Councilman McQuade

Finance

The budget is still down at Trenton but looks like it's getting close to being adopted by the Governor. At that point we will learn what kind of aid we will be receiving. This year the Borough is sending out estimated tax bills, which the State strongly suggested we do. By handling it this way the Borough's rating will be higher.

Councilman McQuade will meet with PSE&G regarding grids and power outages and how to resolve these issues for residents of Dumont.

Health

There was a meeting but they did not have a quorum so it has to be rescheduled. They are looking for volunteers to become members of the Board of Health.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Seniors

The Senior Center is open during heat waves. Air conditioning and refreshments are available. If anyone needs a ride they can call the Center or the Police.

Ambulance Corps

They received 102 calls in May. They have a meeting this week which she will be attending.

Fire Department

They had 23 alarms in the month of May and 665 man-hours.

Councilwoman Zamechansky read a letter from two residents of New Milford who expressed their appreciation to the firefighters of Fire Company 2 who rescued them on April 15, 2007 when the Hackensack River overflowed.

- Councilman Stylianou

Zoning Board of Adjustment

There was a meeting June 11, 2007 at which time Verizon completed their hearing requesting a cell tower on Sunset Avenue. The Zoning Board voted 4-2 to deny the application.

5K Run

There will be a meeting tomorrow to plan for the race on Dumont Day.

The Councilman thanked Janet Galligan for her time and efforts in running the hut at the field.

• **Borough Administrator's Report**

The new millennium sign will be installed next week.

Due to the July 4th holiday, recycling will be picked up July 18th.

There was a meeting with FEMA in order to discuss financial recovery for the Borough. The Police Chief, as the OEM coordinator, is working with County representatives and FEMA to finalize a meeting.

The handicapped parking spots at Columbia have been done.

The Borough will be holding a closed bid auction in July to sell bicycles, vehicles, and equipment.

The Verizon FiOS Widget Program is working well.

The Mayor of Allendale wrote to thank the Borough for the DPW's assistance when their town was hit by a tornado. Dumont will be getting reimbursed.

The County has approached us regarding cleaning County catch basins. Mr. Perkins has written to ask the amount the Borough will be paid to do this before committing to the County.

By mid-July the DPW should have all the new equipment installed in the parks.

Mr. Perkins met with the counselors and spoke to them about liability, sexual harassment and other issues. This is a new program which will occur with the hiring of all new employees. This also gives the Borough credit with JIF.

The Police Department was asked to get involved with property maintenance while on patrol. They will notify the Building Department so that they can follow up on violations.

It was discovered that the past administration did not have a contract with the companies responsible for garbage and recycling in the Borough. The Borough recently awarded garbage and recycling bid to the lowest responsible bidder, which was Scuffy Carting. The current contract includes twice a week pickup and recycling with a savings of approximately \$200,000. The new company started right after a major storm, which added to the refuse being picked up. There were problems initially but they are being addressed. A notice will be sent home to every resident with the schedule and other pertinent information.

- **Mayor's Report**

The first meeting of the Ethics Board was held June 13, 2007. The Board consists of two Democrats, two Republicans and two unaffiliated members. Joanne Westphal was appointed as chairperson and Christian Baguer as vice-chairperson. The Board will promulgate a code which will then be presented for adoption by the Governing Body.

The Master Plan Advisory Committee met a few weeks ago. It is an ad hoc committee comprised of residents which was created by the Mayor. They advise as to what areas to address regarding the Master Plan. The Governing Body will receive recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Boards. The Planning Board has been working on drafting the Master Plan.

The Shade Tree Commission is moving forward. Ms. Tayeb is scheduled to meet with liaison Councilman Stylianou to discuss various issues.

The Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund will be accepting applications for grants.

July and August work sessions are cancelled for the summer schedule.

The Mayor stated that the N.J. Transit is looking for volunteers to serve on a citizens' liaison committee.

Mayor McHale thanked all involved in the Memorial Day Celebration for their time and effort.

The Mayor sent a letter to the Local Finance Board requesting an appearance before them in July to discuss the Borough's State oversight.

Motion to recess: Councilman Stylianou
Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky
All in favor.

Motion to go back into session: Councilman Manna
Second: Councilman McQuade
All in favor.

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

- #07-173 Promotion of Keith Mullin to Sergeant *
- #07-174 Reassignment of John Centrello to the Detective Bureau *
- #07-175 Renewal of Coin Machine Licenses *
- #07-176 Renewal of Liquor Licenses *
- #07-177 Sargon Limousine Application *
- #07-178 Snow Plowing Program Agreement with County * The Mayor explained that prior to 2005 the Borough did not seek reimbursement from the County for plowing the County roads. It is important that we adopt a resolution each year to be reimbursed.
- #07-179 Pershing Street Project Change Order *
- #07-180 Brook Street and Grant Avenue Projects Bid Award * This resolution was pulled
- #07-181 Jack and Marylou D'Angelo Tax Refund *
- #07-182 Renewal of Limousine Licenses *
- #07-183 Accept Resignations from the Fire Department *
- #07-184 Accept Applications for the Fire Department *
- #07-185 Bills List * -pulled for non-consent agenda
- #07-186 Hire Part-time Assistant for the Building Department *
- #07-187 Challenge House Supporting Kids with Cancer *
- #07-188 Estimated Tax Bills *

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Zamechansky
Second: Councilman McQuade
There was no discussion from the Council.

Motion to open to the public on Consent Agenda: Councilman Manna
Second: Councilman McQuade
All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna
Second: Councilman McQuade
All in favor.

There was no further discussion.

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

Motion passed.

Motion to adopt Resolution #07-185: Councilman McQuade

Second: Councilman Stylianou

There was no discussion from the Council.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Abrahamsen

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman McQuade

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Role call vote: Council members Abrahamsen, Caspare, McQuade, Stylianou-yes

Council members Manna and Zamechansky abstained.

Motion passed.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman McQuade

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

- Andrew Hennelly of 99 W. Madison Avenue questioned whether consideration was given to keeping once a week pickup. He asked whether the Borough has recourse if the Borough is unhappy with the service. He asked about the article in the Record referring to "Pay to Play".
- Sal Maurice of 25 Druid asked Mr. Perkins whether he had done any studies on two day a week pickup. He referred to a national study which he has at home and will submit to the Council in the future.
- Mary Amato of 135 Randolph Avenue had a concern about out-of-state people coming to use Honiss School facilities to play basketball.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman McQuade

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly

Acting Borough Clerk