

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2007
PUBLIC MEETING
7:30 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 sent to *The Record* and *The News Leader* and filed with the Borough of Dumont on January 4, 2007.

Roll Call:

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

Motion to Accept Agenda as presented: Councilman McQuade
Second: Councilman Abrahamsen
All in favor.

Proclamations presented by Mayor McHale and Councilwoman Zamechansky to:
Eagle Scout Kevin A. Bright
Peace Corps Volunteer Kimberlee Wing Quan

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of August 21, 2007 Executive Meeting: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman McQuade

Roll call vote: Councilmembers Manna, McQuade, Zamechansky-yes

Councilmembers Abrahamsen and Stylianou abstained.

Minutes approved.

Motion to approve minutes of August 21, 2007 Public Meeting: Councilman McQuade

Second: Councilman Manna

Roll call vote: Councilmembers Manna, McQuade, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Abrahamsen-abstained

Minutes approved.

Motion to approve minutes of September 4, 2007 Executive Session: Councilman Abrahamsen

Second: Councilman McQuade

Roll call vote: Councilmembers Abrahamsen, Manna, McQuade, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Stylianou-abstained.
Minutes approved.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Abrahamsen

Buildings & Grounds

The Borough was reimbursed \$8,600 through our insurance company for damages caused by the August 3rd storm.

D'Angelo Farms did plantings in front of Borough Hall

He requested that the Administrator look into replacing the carpeting in the Teen Center.

- Councilman Manna

Library

The Library submitted their application to Historic Preservation Trust in order to begin rehabilitation of the historic portion of the Library.

DPW

In the month of August 50 potholes were filled and 37 catch basins were cleared.

Branch pickup will end October 11th.

Police vehicles were serviced

There was 226 miles of street sweeping

- Councilman McQuade

Finance

State aid was received and the budget has been adopted.

Health

Flu shots will be given to residents 65 or older October 16th.

Shared Services

Dumont and Bergenfield will share a salt shed which will be a savings for both towns.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Senior Citizens

The Mayor and Council will host a luncheon at the Senior Center on Saturday

Ambulance Corps

They responded to 96 calls during the month of August. The Ambulance Corps is celebrating their 70th year of service.

Fire Department

There were 37 alarms in August; total man-hours 1,038.

October 7-13 is Fire Prevention Week

Dumont Day

Dumont Day, which was held September 8th, was a success.

Councilwoman Zamechansky and Mr. Perkins attended the graduation for Lt. McKeary from the West Point Leadership Program. The goal of this course is to develop future police leaders.

- Councilman Stylianou

5K Run

The Councilman thanked everyone who participated. More than seven hundred people participated, which included volunteers and runners. The proceeds will benefit children with cancer.

Zoning Board

At the meeting of September 10 there was a continuation for a variance on Madison Avenue. The Board had additional requests before they would rule on the application so that application will be continued again. There was also an application for the property which used to be the Mullane Ford building on Washington Avenue, which will be continued to the next meeting.

Police

There were 6,761 phone calls in August. There were 96 requests for aid. DARE Officer John DiGirolamo and Lt. Michael Conner continue to work on programs in the schools.

Mr. Perkins gave a report for Councilman Caspare in his absence:

Building Department

There were 109 UCC reports, 119 written violations and 13 court tickets issued in August.

- **Administrator Perkins' Report**

The Borough will receive \$76,597 from FEMA for the losses from the April, 2007 storm.

The 9/11 ceremony was held in Borough Hall due to inclement weather.

Personnel evaluations are due November 1st.

There was an emergency excavation of Grant Avenue prior to school opening at a cost of approximately \$8,500 through Riverside Coop.

The Halloween parade is scheduled for October 27th.

An application for a grant to reconstruction of Howard Street in 2008 has been sent to the Department of Transportation.

The Memorial Park project is almost complete. D'Angelo's Farms did the landscaping and will maintain for one year.

Bergen County Mosquito Commission will remove several trees which are impacting a creek at no cost to the Borough.

Mr. Perkins, Mr. Paster and The Shade Tree Commission are working to put together an ordinance. They will be going out to bid for work which needs to be done.

Mr. Perkins spoke to CSX regarding train whistles. There are guidelines for the engineers. Alternatives are being looked into.

Mayor McHale explained that they have been involved in discussion about the train whistle for about a month. It is a quality of life issue.

The Mayor asked Councilman McQuade, who is the chairman of the finance committee, to prepare for expenses involving CSX in the future capital budget. He asked that if there is anyone interested, it would be helpful to have residents involved in the discussions with CSX.

Motion to open to the public regarding CSX only: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

1. Elsa Ruiz of 114 Sunset Street stated that the railroad gate should go straight across.
2. Frank Fennel of 132 Park Avenue stated that he has installed systems in the past.
3. Mr. Pierno of 53 Bedford Rd stated that he has photos of open containers on the trains. He also asked about mosquito spraying.
4. Lois Clark of Sunset Street was concerned about police and ambulance response if the event of a railroad incident

Mayor McHale stated that the Governing Body shares their concerns and suggested that interested residents present write their names and addresses. A letter will be sent to CSX and they will be sent copies.

Mr. Perkins expressed concern about the train and the importance of having access to the train manifest. CSX is planning to come to Dumont to perform a drill.

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

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

Motion to return to public meeting: Councilman Manna
Second: Councilman Abrahamsen
All in favor.

Mayor McHale thanked Troop 64 who is in attendance in order to fulfill their requirements for their citizenship badge.

- Mayor McHale
There was no garbage collection Labor Day, which went much more smoothly than the last holiday. He thanked the residents for their patience.
Memorial Park project is almost completed. It is being used by all age groups.
The Mayor is currently negotiating with St. Mary's and the Archdiocese for the improvement of the Washington Avenue and New Milford Avenue intersections, which is dangerous. Improvements would have to be made as a stipulation of the Senior Housing project.
Dumont Day, the 5K Run and the fireworks were a success.
There will be a meeting of concerned parents regarding the Grant Avenue crosswalk.
The Bergen County DPW has recommended a million dollar grant to the County Executive who will, in turn, forward to the Freeholder Board for drainage issues on Washington Avenue between Cresskill Avenue and Grant Avenue. This has been a chronic problem.

ORDINANCES

Second Reading

#07-1345 Amend Chapter 16B Signs of the Borough of Dumont Code

The Mayor explained that this ordinance is an amendment to the existing sign ordinance. Anyone who is advertising commercially must obtain a permit from the Borough. It is an annual permit. It does not affect freedom of speech signs. Political signs should be put up no earlier than thirty days prior to an election.

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Abrahamsen

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

There was no discussion from the Council.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Abrahamsen

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman McQuade

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Abrahamsen

Second: Councilman McQuade

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

Motion passed.

#07-1346 Amend Salary Ordinance Ranges

The Mayor explained that our salary ranges are set by ordinance.

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman McQuade

All in favor.

There was no discussion from the Council.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman McQuade

Second: Councilman Abrahamsen

All in favor

Motion to close to the public: Councilman McQuade

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman McQuade

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

Motion passed.

#07-1347 Amend Chapter 22 of the Dumont Code-Temporary Storage Containers

This ordinance was brought to the Council's attention by Councilman Abrahamsen to control the issues of temporary storage containers.

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman McQuade

All in favor.

There was no discussion from the Council

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman McQuade

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Abrahamsen

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

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

Motion passed.

#07-1348 Amend Fee for Traffic Control for Outside Contractors

This allows the Borough to charge outside contractors for opening public roads for reimbursement of police officers.

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Abrahamsen

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Councilman McQuade stated that he will abstain since he works for Verizon, a company which would be impacted by this ordinance.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Abrahamsen

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Abrahamsen

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Abrahamsen

Roll call vote: Council members Abrahamsen, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes
Councilman McQuade abstained.

Motion passed.

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

#07-251 Resignation of Crossing Guard Karen Jeune *

#07-252 Change of Title due to inter-local agreement with New Milford *

#07-253 Health Officer and Sanitarian Contract Agreement with Bergen County
Department of Health *

#07-254 Bills List *

#07-255 Appointment Michael Falcone-Homeowner Representative Alternate-Rent
Leveling Board *

- #07-256 Community Development Representatives-John Perkins & Councilwoman Zamechansky *
- #07-257 Endorsement of “Green Acres, Farmland, Blue Acres, and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2007” *
- #07-258 Camp Acorn Calendar Raffle-RL-259, ID #373 4 35885 *
- #07-259 Block Party – September 22, 2007-Blanche Court *
- #07-260 Recognition of Eagle Scout Kevin A. Bright *
- #07-261 Recognition of Kimberlee Wing Quan *
- #07-262 Hire Kathleen Schaefer-Part-time-Borough Clerk’s Office *
- #07-263 Authorization of Agreement for Website-Virtual Town Pages *
- #07-264 2007 Salary Resolution *
- #07-265 Support Opposition to the Lease/Privatization of the New Jersey Turnpike *
- #07-266 Appointment of Carmine DeMarco as member of the Board of Health *
- #07-267 Rejection of RFQ submissions for Architect for Historic Sites and General Architectural Services and Authorization to Re-Advertise *
- #07-268 Appointment of Judy Parker as landlord representative to the Rent Leveling Board *
- After eight years the Board will now be reactivated.
- #07-269 Appointment of Councilwoman Zamechansky to Police & Courts Committee *
- #07-270 Award of Library Drainage project to AJM Contractors, Inc *

There was no discussion from the Council.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman McQuade

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Abrahamsen

Second: Councilman McQuade

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Abrahamsen

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor

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

Motion passed.

Motion to open to the Public: Councilman McQuade

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

1. Tom Massey of 16B American Legion Terrace thanked the Council for their time and commitment. He is concerned about the knifing incident which occurred in a bar in Dumont. He is also concerned about the appearance of New Milford Avenue and the town in general. He suggested that street signs be replaced as needed.
2. Kim Standish of 11 American Legion Terrace asked about a stump which is left following a tree was cut down.

3. Jim Rellinger of 31 Harding Avenue is concerned about the abandoned gas station at Washington Avenue. He feels that DeLong Avenue should have speed limit signs. The dumpsters, which are not fenced in at TriValley, are an eyesore. Garbage cans should not be allowed to be left at the end of the driveway.
4. Sara Reiss of 30 Marion Avenue stated that the street sign at Randolph Avenue is gone. She is concerned that the more businesses that come into town, the more congestion there will be. She also expressed disappointment that the Mayor and Council-Senior luncheon is taking place on Yom Kippur, which occurred due to an oversight.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman McQuade

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Abrahamsen

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly

Acting Borough Clerk