

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2008
7:00 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 3, 2008.

Roll Call:

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

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Abrahamsen

Second: Councilman Caspare

All in favor.

Proclamation presented by Mayor McHale and Councilman Stylianou to Eagle Scout Marios Hoppas whose project was a landscaping berm at Memorial Park

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve January 3, 2008 Sine Die meeting minutes: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Caspare

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

Minutes approved.

Motion to approve January 3, 2008 Reorganization Meeting minutes: Councilman McQuade

Second: Councilman Caspare

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

Councilman McQuade abstained.

Minutes approved.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Manna

Council members Caspare and Manna attended the Cub Scout Pinewood Derby.

Calvary Methodist Church is conducting a Martin Luther King celebration on January 20th.

Shade Tree Commission

There will be a meeting held January 21st

Shared Services

There is an agreement resolution on tonight's agenda for the Borough of Dumont to join Riverside Co-op again this year in order to save money by purchasing cooperatively with other towns

Library

Dr. Keen was a guest speaker in December speaking about Pearl Harbor

Three movies were shown in December

The ESL winter class ended.

In January the Library will host nine book clubs

On January 22 Bill Newman will be a guest speaker

There will be an art exhibit of Dumont resident Tom Grassi

- Councilman McQuade

Finance

The budget process has begun

Health

A rabies clinic will be held January 16th at the Ambulance Corps

PSE&G has been upgrading service in the Borough. The plan is called "Bergen Grid Reinforcement Plan".

- Councilman Stylianou

Police

The dispatch center received and handled a total of 6,301 telephone calls in December.

Board of Education

The Councilman will be attending his first school board meeting Thursday.

- Councilman Abrahamsen

Zoning Board

January 14th was the Reorganization meeting. The Board voted Tim Hickey as chairman and Ron Burkert as vice-chairman. Jim McGloin and Dana Sutherland had sent letters of resignation. There were fifteen variance applications in 2007.

DPW

The Councilman met with Mr. Perkins and Mr. Ebenhack regarding some concerns that needed to be addressed.

There eleven sewer jobs in the month of December.

On December 16th approximately sixty tons of salt was used.

Holiday baskets were picked up at St. Mary's and delivered to families in need.

- Councilman Caspare

Building

There were 134 violations; 52 house Co's and 8 municipal permits were issued.

Planning Board

There will be a joint meeting of the Zoning and Planning Boards January 26, 2008.

Recreation

On December 21st a holiday pizza party was held. There was a good turnout.

Coach certification will be held March 24th, September 23rd and September 25th.
The fishing derby is scheduled for September 27th

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Seniors

January 17th the seniors will be going to Westchester Theater to see *Phantom of the Opera*

They will have a Valentine's Day Party on Valentine's Day

Ambulance

They received 95 calls in December

Fire Department

They had 52 alarms in December.

The committee has been meeting with the Fire Department to update the Fire Department ordinances

Celebrations

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place March 15th with a rain date of March 16th

- Administrator Perkins

The noise and after hour issues with the Elks Club have been addressed.

\$58,000 was received from FEMA

Councilman McQuade, Mr. Perkins and CSX will be meeting about parking at W. Shore Avenue.

The building department year end report stated \$50,000 more in fines and penalties was collected in 2007 than in 2006.

Bergen County Utility Authority notified us that due to Sewer Connection Fees, we will be collecting \$1,028 this year.

Notification was received from the Department of Transportation that the Borough will be receiving \$150,000 grant for Howard Street project.

The Community Development Block Grant application in the amount of \$154,040 was submitted for reconstruction of Veterans Plaza and Locust Avenue.

Application will be submitted to a company which provides free scoreboards.

A letter from American Hose and Hydraulics was received regarding an overcharge of \$3,379.00, which will be reimbursed or credited.

An Open Space grant in the amount of \$125,000 was applied for.

We will be complying with the State security requirements for the court.

Mr. Perkins met with the County regarding New Milford and Washington Avenue intersection as well as the NJEIT at Catawba. The \$480,000 Catawba project, which is part of the County program, will be reimbursed to the Borough.

The Natural Hazardous Mitigation plan has been completed, with the assistance of the Meadowlands Commission, and sent to the State for approval.

The Recycling calendar was mailed home.

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

- 08-30 Riverside Cooperative-Authorization to Enter into Agreement *
- 08-31 Authorization to Enter Agreement with Risk Manager *
- 08-32 Wastewater Consultant-George T. Baer, Jr. *
- 08-33 DPW Full-time Position-Christian Baierwalter *
- 08-34 Accept Resignation of Donald Wuertz from Fire Department *
- 08-35 Appointment of JIF Commissioners *
- 08-36 Dumont Little League on-premise 50/50 Raffle to be held April 5, 2008; ID#109-5-29102, RL-262 *
- 08-37 Endorsement of CDBG Application *
- 08-38 Recognition of Eagle Scout Marios Hoppas *
- 08-39 Bills List *
- 08-40 Grant School PTO on-premise Merchandise Raffle to be held March 7, 2008, ID#109-5-37131, RL 261 *
- 08-41 Grant School PTO on-premise 50/50 Raffle to be held March 7, 2008, ID#109-5-37131, RL 263 *
- 08-42 Elks Lodge 2593 Pull Tab Raffle Calendar Year 2008, ID#109-6-33628, RL 265 *
- 08-43 C-3 Citizen Communication Center Approval*
- 08-44 Elks Lodge 2593 Pull Tab Raffle Calendar Year 2007, ID#109-6-33628, RL 264 *
- 08-45 Accept Application of David C. Pepose to Dumont Fire Department *
- 08-46 Reappointment of Ken Melamed as Regular Member of Zoning Board of Adjustment *
- 08-47 Appointment of Michael Brown and Teri Riva as Regular Members of Zoning Board of Adjustment *

Motion to remove Resolution #08-39 from Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman McQuade

All in favor.

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda: Councilman McQuade

Second: Councilman Stylianou

There was no discussion from the Council.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Abrahamsen

Second: Councilman Caspare

All in favor

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Councilman Stylianou remarked that as past liaison to the Zoning Board, he has worked with the three people whose appointments are on the agenda tonight. They all had excellent attendance and were well prepared for meetings and would be assets to the Zoning Board.

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

Consent Agenda adopted.

Motion to adopt Resolution #08-39, Bills List: Councilman McQuade

Second: Councilman Stylianou

The Council asked about the tipping fees and the fees for cutting down trees.

Motion to open to the public: 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 -yes

Councilwoman Zamechansky abstained.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE

First Reading

08-1356 Amendment to Chapter 21-Automated Traffic System Violations

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Abrahamsen

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on first reading: Councilman Abrahamsen

Second: Councilman Manna

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

Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman McQuade

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Abrahamsen

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman McQuade

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Borough Clerk