

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2008
7:00 PM**

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 meetings 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*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont on January 3, 2008.

Roll Call:

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

Motion to Accept Agenda as presented: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman McQuade

All in favor.

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.

RESOLUTIONS

08-69 Consent to Proposed Northeast Water Quality Management Plan Amendment *

08-69 Authorization to Hire Seasonal Help for DPW *

08-70 Michael Boyle-Equipment Operator Approval *

08-71 Grant PTO Calendar Raffle; ID#109-5-37131, RL#268 *

08-72 Approval of Proposal of Howard Street by T&M Associates *

08-73 Approval of Special Projects Engineers *

08-75 Approval of Dumont Little League 50/50 Raffle Application; ID#109-5-29102,
RL#269 *

08-76 Approval of Appraisal Services to Assist the Borough Tax Assessor in the
Assessment of Real Property *

Motion to accept Consent Agenda: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Caspare

Councilman McQuade asked for clarification on the Northeast Water Quality Management Plan Resolution.

Borough Attorney Paster explained that it had to do with State Storm water regulations. Borough Administrator Perkins stated that it also adds more regulations to pump stations, which the first plan overlooked. It is a requirement.

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

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

Mr. Perkins addressed Resolution 08-72, the Howard Street project. The cost is expected to be \$675,000. The Borough has received a \$150,000 DOT grant for the project.

Roll call vote on Consent Agenda: Councilmembers Caspare, Manna, McQuade, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

ORDINANCES

Second Reading

08-1357 Amendment to Article 1 of Chapter 5 of the Borough of Dumont Code-Dogs and Cats

The Mayor explained that this ordinance is an amendment to provide certain penalties for the failure to register pets.

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman McQuade
Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky
All in favor.

There was no discussion from the Council.

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

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Stylianou
Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky
All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Manna
Second: Councilman McQuade

Roll call vote: Councilmembers Caspare, Manna, McQuade, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes
Motion carried.

08-1358 Dumont Shade Tree Commission Rules and Regulations Ordinance

An ordinance regarding public lands and public safety to promote and regulate the preservation of borough trees, incorporate Community Forestry Management Plan, outline tree removal procedures and requirements, outline license requirements for landscapers and implement standards and procedures for compliance, and penalties for violation of the ordinance.

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky
All in favor.

Motion to amend the title to delete “outline license requirements for landscapers”:

Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky
All in favor.

Councilman Manna, who is the liaison to the Shade Tree Commission, stated that this ordinance is a very extensive one; a great deal of work and time has been expended by the members of the Commission in order to make sure the trees and environment in Dumont are protected. Mr. Paster guided them through the process.

Councilman Stylianou commended the Commission members for all their hard work

Mr. Paster commended the Commission for their hard work and dedication.

Mayor McHale expressed his gratitude to the members of the Shade Tree Commission and advisory committee.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman McQuade
All in favor.

Ray Slaman of 67 Sherwood Avenue is a member of the Shade Tree Commission thanked the Council for their support, without which they could not have accomplished what they have to protect the trees in Dumont.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Stylianou
All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman McQuade

Second: Councilman Manna

Roll call vote: Councilmembers Caspare, Manna, McQuade, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes
Motion carried.

08-1359 An Amendment to Supplement the Code of the Borough of Dumont by Adding Chapter 7B Section 1. Title. This Chapter shall be known as and may be cited as the “Fairness in Employment and Elective Office Ordinance”.

The Mayor thanked the members of the Governing Body, the Ethics Board, our professionals and the many residents who shared their opinions.

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman McQuade

Second: Councilman Manna
All in favor.

Councilman Manna stated that there has been much discussion as to whether this ordinance is too stringent in its scope. In order for it to have meaning to the Borough it is necessary to remove any question of impropriety on the part of the elected officials or department heads.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky
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 Stylianou

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

Councilman Caspare-no

Motion carried.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman McQuade

All in favor.

Motion to recess to Executive Chambers: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman McQuade

All in favor.

Motion to go back into session: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Caspare

All in favor.

Administrator Perkins' Report

Bergen County Academy has requested that the Borough donate the old Fire Rescue Truck.

The Borough received a sewer connection refund check from Bergen County Utilities in the amount of \$1,028.

Last week some mason fell from the building over the entrance to the Police Department. Repair work will begin next week and will cost approximately \$4,000.

PSE&G was asked to review some of the past bills and they found that the gas in Borough Hall was moving approximately 2.85% quicker than it should have been. We received a refund check in the amount \$1,584.58.

The strip mall at E. Madison and Knickerbocker has been bought and there will be a great deal of money put in to improvements.

Approval of a \$92,000 grant was received for Veteran's Plaza and Locust. The engineer will look into whether Howard would fit into that grid to offset the cost of that project.

The president of the Chamber of Commerce resigned. It is difficult to get volunteers. Mr. Perkins would like to get more involvement from banks.

Mr. Perkins suggested that a moratorium be initiated on building permits, with the exclusion of the State fees. This would benefit the Borough by increasing ratable.

The McKinley, Dixon, Roosevelt project will resume and should be done by the end of Spring. There had been several issues which had to be addressed.

Mr. Perkins would like to go out for proposals to do certain projects and to get equipment to do certain projects.

Sally Tayeb arrived. She was unable to be present earlier in the evening for the adoption of the Shade Tree Ordinance. Ms. Tayeb thanked everyone for their support.

Borough Engineer's Report

PSE&G has agreed to pay for all their costs associated with the NJEIT project, which amounts to several hundred thousand dollars, following receipt of a request from Mr. Perkins.

Mr. Carrino attended a DOT Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program at the County. There are funds available which might apply to the Cresskill intersection.

The final report for areas 2-6 of the Environmental Infrastructure Trust is completed.

Construction for EIT will resume April 1st.

The plans for Sanitary Pump Stations went to the DEP for revisions.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Stylianou

No report

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Senior Citizens

The St. Patrick's Day celebration will be held from 1-4 PM

- Councilman Caspare

Planning Board

There will be a joint meeting of the Planning and Zoning Board March 29, 2008.

- Councilman McQuade

Finance

The draft of the budget is almost finished

- Councilman Manna

Shared Services

The issue of disposal of leaves and grass cuttings is still being explored.

Chamber of Commerce

It is very important to connect with the people in town. Many changes and proposals are expected which will definitely have an impact on the businesses.

Resolution to enter closed session:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss Personnel Issues; and

BE IT RESOLVED, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public be excluded from this meeting.

Motion to enter closed session: Councilman McQuade
Second: Councilman Manna

Motion to go back into public session: Councilman Manna
Second: Councilman Caspare
All in favor

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Stylianou
Second: Councilman Manna
All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Susan Connelly, RMC
Borough Clerk