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Meeting of The Board of Warden and Burgesses

Approved Meeting Minutes

Date: 04MAR2024

Time: 19:30

Location: 128 Kings Highway, Woodmont, CT 06460

BOW Board of Warden and Burgesses in Attendance (☑):

- ☑Warden Edward Bonessi, Jr.
- ☑Senior Burgess: John Barrett
- ☑Burgess Barbara Wagner (Planning, Zoning, Library)
- ☑Burgess Robert Kish (Beaches, Street Lights)
- ☑Burgess Chuck Rockwell (Housing)
- ☑Burgess Christopher Schmeisser (Finance)
- ☑Burgess Michael Bihary (Police & Safety) non-emergency

BOW Committee Members in Attendance (☑):

- ☐Constable Frank Bozso
- ☑Tax Collector Lynn Foss
- ☑Treasurer Robert Listorti
- ☐Auditor Linda Casey
- ☐Auditor Brendan Casey
- ☑Clerk Xuan Chau

I. Meeting called to order by Warden Bonessi at 19:30.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Motion to approve 5th February 2024 Unapproved Meeting Minutes.

- a. Motion to approve minutes by Burgess Rockwell.
- b. Seconded by Burgess Wagner.
- c. Motion approved unanimously by The Board.

IV. Residents & Freeholder I:

- a. Karrin Kessler @ 70/72 Hawley Avenue: concerned about variance and height with the new garage construction on 74 Hawley Avenue.
 - i. Andrew Yennes, on behalf of 74 Hawley Avenue, indicated plans for garage submitted and approved from 2018 by Milford Planning and Zoning with original use of garage corner.
- b. Connie Maher Paccarella @ 4 Rosemary Court:



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- i. Concerned about potential condo layout in lieu of current residential house on Rosemary Court.
- ii. Street sign and Stop sign leaning hazard near Rosemary Court.
 1. Warden Bonessi: Will delegate J. Malico to mitigate.

V. Report of the Tax Collector

- a. Lynn: Collected 89.25%
 - i. Updating list for change of addresses.
 - ii. 18 properties delinquent on taxes: \$16K total.

VI. Report of the Warden

- a. Last week, we defended the Borough's city grant request of \$265,000 w/ 0% increase to the Milford Finance Board.

A few weeks ago, I toured the Woodmont Volunteer Library with Senior Burgess Barrett and reviewed the library board's renovation plans.

I met with Ray Paier of Westcott and Mapes about the Belmont Street Groin project. We now have a "Shovel Ready Project" after receiving our Certificate of Permission from CT DEEP. It will be good for 5 years from now and is renewable. I also spoke with the city about other sources of funding, and it was suggested we reach out to US Senator Chris Murphy's office because they have been looking for these types of projects to fund. I've asked Senior Burgess Barrett to use his contacts to that end. However, if that doesn't pan out, Ray is already placing a reminder to file an extension in 2028!

Connected with Chris Saley about spring paving and Kings Highway. I will get prices on the entire street as well as the most needed section between Chapel Street and Seneca Place.

- b. We received a complaint about debris blowing out of the dumpster at 5 Beach Ave. I went by several times today and the last time I went by at about 2 PM the dumpster was gone and there was no debris.

The Tree Warden Steve Johnson reached out to me about two trees in the Borough there was a complaint about. One was on public property, and the other, which he was unsure about, was on private property. The one at the foot of Bonsilene at Beach Ave needs attention. Burgess Wags and I spoke about it, and it just needs some TLC. The one on private property is dead and needs to be removed.

I purchased the spotlight for the Trubee Doolittle flagpole and have both the spot and the flood light for the field to the city electrician who replaces them both. Chuck will make sure they are working later.



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VII. Constable Bozso

- a. Proxy by Burgess Bihary: favorable status for Borough.

VIII. Clerk Chau

- a. Inquiring investigation into Borough website submitted inquiries.
 - i. Currently: "Subscribe to Email Distribution" widget confirms status when person enrolls.
 - 1. Enrollment contact does not enter clerk's email box.
 - 2. Action Item: Burgess Bihary to investigate/mitigate.

IX. Treasurer: Robert Listorti

- a. Account at Citizen's bank: \$7-8K sitting
 - i. Warden Bonessi: Action item for Burgess Schmeisser for mitigation.
- b. Disbursements March 2024:

DISBURSEMENTS MARCH 2024							
BOROUGH OPERATING FUND				LIBRARY			
Lynn Foss (payroll)			\$800.00	Hannon Builders			\$5,685.94
Teddi Mickus (payroll)			\$112.50	MSDESIGNS LLC			\$2,704.00
Jerry's Cleaning Ser (payroll)			\$150.00	Frontier			\$83.76
Charms Security (Bor Hall)			\$218.00	TOTAL			\$8,473.70
So Conn Gas (Bor Hall)			\$599.94				
Optimum (Bor Hall)			\$196.72				
United Illum (Bor Hall)			\$517.61				
TOTAL			\$2,594.77				
CITY OPERATING FUND							
Mallico Paving (public works)			\$6,083.00				
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Electrical Whole Salers (pub works)			\$298.00				
Apple Valley Irrigation (pub works)			\$456.94				
United Illum (street lights)			\$12.84				
United Illum (street lights)			\$75.37				
United Illum (street lights)			\$2,080.44				
TOTAL			\$13,891.59				

Reports:

- X. Planning, Zoning: Burgess Wagner
 - a. n/a
- XI. Police & Safety: Burgess Bihary
 - a. No Report
- XII. House: Burgess Rockwell
 - a. Castor wheel replaced on 100 year table.



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- b. Basement water pump continues to be effective, however water continues to breach.
- c. 3 issues with Public Works garage: tractors, trucks and supplies for safety.
 - i. The tractors, trucks and supplies for safety were blocked with 1) personal home and office belongings; also 2) the garage door was left totally open overnight 3) inviting theft, vandalism and wild animals.
 - ii. Burgess Rockwell changed the locks: now only six people have keys. Organizations and committees that store Borough related items will still have access, but must go through a key holder.

XIII. Street Lighting: Burgess Kish

- a. n/a

XIV. Beaches: Burgess Kish

- a. No Report.

XV. Public Works: Warden Bonessi

- a. See Report of the Warden.

XVI. Finance: Burgess Schmeisser

- a. Good shape.

XVII. Library: Burgess Wagner & Burgess Schmeisser

- a. Things are moving along at the library.
- b. Insurance coverage inquiry.
 - i. Action Item: Burgess Rockwell will confirm.

XVIII. Beautification: Sue Hunt

- a. Warden Bonessi: anticipate check to be sent to "Beautification."
 - i. Check from Adam's plaza for brush/blue donation removal.

XIX. Approval of Bills

- a. n/a

XX. Old Business:

- a. n/a.

XXI. New Business:

- a. Kitt: motion to approve library remodel.
 - i. Steve Langley: advisor for committee.
 - ii. Renovation for bereavement support, children's room and studies area to make it modern and welcoming.
 - iii. Addressing structural and cosmetic issues.
 - iv. Motion to approve initial allocation of funds to move forward:
 - 1. Initial stage of project: demolition, lighting, sheetrock, new windows, design cost.
 - v. Burgess Barrett seconded motion.
 - vi. Unanimous vote by The Board.



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XXII. Residents & Freeholders II

a. n/a

XXIII. Warden Bonessi called meeting to recess at 20:21

a. Burgess Bihary motioned to adjourn.

b. Burgess Wagner seconded the motion.