

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD
2015 SINE DIE MEETING OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL
JANUARY 5, 2016
WESTWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
55 Jefferson Avenue
6:30 PM

1. Opening of the Meeting:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Birkner at 6:30 pm. Mayor Birkner then read the Open Public Meetings Law Statement: "This meeting which conforms with the Open Public Meetings law, Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975, is a regular Borough Council meeting. Notices have been filed with our local official newspapers and posted on the municipal bulletin board."

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Birkner – Present
Councilmember Owens – Present
Councilmember Montana – Present
Councilmember Dell - Present
Councilmember Grefrath – Present
Councilmember Bicocchi - Present
Council President Arroyo – Present
Borough Attorney Huntington – Present
Interim Administrator Kezmarsky - Present
Borough Clerk Hughes – Present

Committee Assignments:

Public Properties
Health & Recreation
Library
Finance, Administration & Capital Projects; Fire & Ambulance
Land Use
Police & Emergency Management

3. Resolution #15 - 288: Executive Closed Session

Motion to adopt Resolution #15- 288: Council President Arroyo Second: Councilmember Bicocchi
Roll Call: Councilmember Owens - Yes Councilmember Montana - Yes
 Councilmember Dell - Yes Councilmember Grefrath - Yes
 Councilmember Bicocchi – Yes Council President Arroyo – Yes

4. Reopen the Meeting:

Motion to reopen the meeting: Council President Arroyo Second: Councilmember Bicocchi
Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative. The time was 6:55 pm.

5. Roll Call II:

Mayor Birkner – Present / Councilmember Owens – Present / Councilmember Montana – Present /
Councilmember Dell - Present / Councilmember Grefrath – Present / Councilmember Bicocchi -
Present / Council President Arroyo – Present / Interim Administrator Kezmarsky - Present /
Borough Attorney Huntington – Present / Borough Engineer Boswell – Present / Borough Clerk
Hughes - Present

6. Flag Salute:

Mayor Birkner led those present in the salute to the flag.

7. Approval of Minutes: September 29, October 13, October 27, November 10, December 1, December 15, 2015

Motion to Adopt Closed and Public Minutes of September 29, October 13, October 27, November 10, December 1, December 15, 2015: Councilmember Grefrath Second: Councilmember Owens
Roll Call: Councilmember Owens - Yes Councilmember Montana - Yes

Councilmember Dell - Yes
Councilmember Bicocchi – Yes

Councilmember Grefrath - Yes
Council President Arroyo – Yes

8. Reports of Committees and Officials:

A) Mayor's Report

Mayor Birkner thanked the Council for a successful 2015, and commended them for their professionalism, camaraderie, and lack of partisanship.

B) Engineer's Report

Mr. Senkevich wished everyone a Happy New Year.

C) Council Liaison & Committee Reports

1) Finance, Administration and Capital Projects, Fire and Ambulance :

No report.

2) Library:

Councilmember Dell thanked everyone for helping her to a great start as Councilwoman.

3) Police and OEM:

No report.

4) Public Properties:

No report.

5) Land Use:

Thanked everyone for a great year.

6) Health and Recreation:

Thanked everyone for an enjoyable first year as Councilman.

D) Attorney's Report

Mr. Huntington commended the Governing Body for a successful 2015, and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

E) Administrator/Clerk Report

Mr. Kezmarsky thanked the Governing Body for the opportunity to serve as Interim Administrator, and said he is looking forward to a successful 2016.

9. Agenda/Public Forum:

Motion to open Agenda/Public Forum: Councilmember Grefrath Second: Councilmember Bicocchi

Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the Affirmative.

No one wished to be heard.

Motion to close Agenda/Public Forum: Councilmember Grefrath Second: Councilmember Bicocchi

Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative.

10. Presentation of Bills, Financial Reports and Resolutions:

Councilmember Grefrath asked if there were any resolutions to add to the Consent Agenda.

He stated that any Councilmembers who wished to remove any Resolution(s) to be voted upon separately could do so at this time, otherwise the Consent Agenda would be enacted in one motion. Resolutions p, q and r were added at this time.

Resolutions as Consent Agenda:

- a) Resolution #15 - 289: Bill List & Statement of Cash
- b) Resolution #15 - 290: Approval to Cancel Tax Overpayments
- c) Resolution #15 - 291: Approval to Cancel Tax Balances
- d) Resolution #15 - 292: Authorizing Refund of Taxes B1805 L9
- e) Resolution #15 - 293: Authorizing Grant Agreement with Bergen County for Acquisition of 31 Nugent Place
- f) Resolution #15 - 294: Appointment of Purchasing Agent
- g) Resolution #15 - 295: Change Orders #1 and 2 for the 2013 NJDOT Pascack Road Program
- h) Resolution #15 - 296: Cancellation of Reserve for Codification of Ordinances
- i) Resolution #15 - 297: Cancellation of Reserve for Watershed Moratorium
- j) Resolution #15 - 298: Approval of Amusement Device Licenses - Westwood Cinemas Corp d/b/a Pascack Theater
- k) Resolution #15 - 299: Towing Licenses 2016
- l) Resolution #15 - 300: Revising Resolution #15-184 Authorizing the Purchase of Radio Equipment Under State Contract
- m) Resolution #15 - 301: 2014 Budget Reserve Transfer
- n) Resolution #15 - 302: Authorizing Foreclosure of Property
- o) Resolution #15 - 303: Revising the Mayor and Council By-Laws
- p) Resolution #15 - 304: Budget Transfers 2015
- q) Resolution #15 - 305: Authorizing Hiring of Per Diem Dispatchers
- r) Resolution #15 - 306: Hire of Full Time Dispatcher

Motion to adopt resolutions #15-289 through #15-306: Councilmember Grefrath
Second: Councilmember Bicocchi

Roll Call: Councilmember Owens - Yes Councilmember Montana - Yes

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Councilmember Dell – Yes
Councilmember Biccocchi – Yes

Councilmember Grefrath - Yes
Council President Arroyo – Yes

11. Adjournment Sine Die:

Motion to adjourn Sine Die: Council President Arroyo Second: Councilmember Owens

Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative.

The time was 7:03 pm.

Attest:

(signed) Karen Hughes

Karen Hughes, RMC, Borough Clerk

Proofed by: Denise Holmes, Deputy Clerk