

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD
2019 SINE DIE MEETING OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL
JANUARY 2, 2020
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 Collins – Present
Councilmember Montana – Present
Councilmember Bicocchi – Present
Councilmember Dell – Present
Councilmember Murphy – Present
Vacant
Borough Attorney Huntington – Present
Borough Administrator Kezmarsky – Present
Borough Engineer Senkevich - Present
Borough Clerk Hughes – Present

Committee Assignments:

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

3. Flag Salute

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

4. Approval of Minutes: December 3, December 17

Motion to Approve: Councilmember Dell Second: Councilmember Collins

Roll Call: Councilmember Collins - Yes Councilmember Montana – Yes

Councilmember Bicocchi – Yes Councilmember Dell - Yes

Councilmember Murphy – Yes

5. Reports of Committees and Officials:

A) Mayor's Report

Mayor Birkner thanked everyone for the distinct honor and privilege of serving as Mayor for the past 12 years.

B) Council President's Report

No report.

C) Engineer's Report

Mr. Senkevich advised that the bid advertisement for the Mill Street Improvement Project had been placed and bids will be received January 16th. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Mayor Birkner.

D) Council Liaison & Committee Reports

1) Finance, Administration and Capital Projects: CM

Councilmember Montana thanked Mayor Birkner for his leadership.

2) Fire and Ambulance: RB

Councilmember Bicocchi thanked Mayor Birkner and wished him all the best.

3) Health and Recreation: BD

Councilmember Dell thanked everyone for a successful 2019. She thanked Mayor Birkner for his service and said she learned a lot from him.

4) Land Use: EC

Councilmember Collins thanked Mayor Birkner and wished him all the best.

5) Police and OEM; Shared Services:

6) Public Properties: JM

Councilmember Murphy thanked Mayor Birkner and echoed everyone's best wishes.

E) Attorney's Report

Mr. Huntington told Mayor Birkner that Westwood is better of him having been Mayor.

F) Administrator's / Clerk's Report

Mr. Kezmarsky thanked Mayor Birkner for his service, his help and his support. He wished the Mayor all the best.

6. Agenda/Public Forum:

Motion to open Agenda/Public Forum: Councilmember Bicocchi Second: Councilmember Dell
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 Bicocchi Second: Councilmember Murphy
Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative.

7. Presentation of Bills, Financial Reports and Resolutions:

Councilmember Dell asked if there were any resolutions to add to the Consent Agenda. She 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. Councilmember Montana asked about how the Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer is chosen. Mr. Kezmarsky explained that it would be the same as last year.

Resolutions as Consent Agenda:

- a) **Resolution #19 - 300: Bill List & Statement of Cash**
- b) **Resolution #19 - 301: Waiving Construction Fees for Habitat For Humanity Project**
- c) **Resolution #19 - 302: Authorizing Agreement With Bergen County for Animal Cruelty Services and Appointment of Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer (MHLEO)**
- d) **Resolution #19 - 303: Authorizing Purchase of Garbage Truck and Lawn Mower**

- e) **Resolution #19 - 304: Hire of Crossing Guards**
- f) **Resolution #19 – 305: 2019 Budget Transfers**
- g) **Resolution #19 - 306: Appointment of SLEO Class II**
- h) **Resolution #19 - 307: Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes B2114 L6**
- i) **Resolution #19 - 308: Approval to Cancel Tax Balances For Unknown Properties**
- j) **Resolution #19 - 309: Approval to Cancel Tax Overpayments & Balances**

Motion to adopt resolutions #19-300 through #19-309: Councilmember Dell

Second: Councilmember Bicocchi

Roll Call: Councilmember Collins - Yes Councilmember Montana – Yes

 Councilmember Bicocchi – Yes Councilmember Dell - Yes

 Councilmember Murphy – Yes

8. Adjournment Sine Die:

Motion to adjourn: Councilmember Dell Second: Councilmember Murphy

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

The time was 6:39 pm.

Attest:

(signed) Karen Hughes

Karen Hughes, RMC, Borough Clerk

Proofed by: Denise Holmes, Deputy Clerk