

**BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD  
WORK MEETING OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL  
JANUARY 7, 2020 MINUTES  
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX  
101 Washington Avenue  
7:30 pm Closed Session/8:00 pm Public Session**

**1. Opening of the Meeting:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arroyo at 7:30 pm. Mayor Arroyo 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 Arroyo – Present  
Councilmember Bicocchi – Present  
Councilmember Collins – Present  
Councilmember Dell – Absent  
Councilmember Hodges – Present  
Councilmember Murphy – Present  
Council President Montana - Present  
Borough Attorney Kool – Present  
Borough Administrator Kezmarsky - Present  
Borough Clerk Hughes – Present

**Committee Assignments:**

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

**3. Resolution #20 - 34: Executive Closed Session I**

**Motion to Approve Resolution #20-34:** Councilmember Murphy Second: Councilmember Collins

Roll Call: Councilmember Bicocchi - Yes    Councilmember Hodges – Yes  
          Councilmember Collins – Yes        Councilmember Murphy - Yes  
          Councilmember Dell – Absent       Council President Montana – Yes

**4. Reopen the Meeting:**

**Motion to reopen the meeting:** Councilmember Bicocchi Second: Councilmember Murphy

Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative. The time was 7:46 pm.

**5. Roll Call II:**

Mayor Arroyo – Present / Councilmember Bicocchi – Present / Councilmember Collins – Present / Councilmember Dell - Absent / Councilmember Hodges – Present / Councilmember Murphy - Present / Council President Montana - Present / Borough Administrator Kezmarsky - Present / Borough Attorney Kool – Present / Borough Engineer Boswell – Present / Borough Clerk Hughes - Present

**6. Flag Salute**

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

**7. Motion to Suspend Regular Order of Business:** Councilmember Bicocchi Second: Councilmember Murphy

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

**8. Agenda/Public Forum:**

**Motion to open Agenda/Public Forum:** Councilmember Bicocchi Second: Councilmember Collins

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

Thomas Wanner, 523 Fairview Ave – distributed a handout pertaining to the landfill. Mr. Wanner asked everyone to read the last paragraph of the cover letter, look at the last attachment and compare it to the chart. He discussed the methane readings, topography, and migration of the gas.

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

### **9. Landfill History**

Dr. Boswell reviewed the history of the landfill cap process. He explained the issues with the methane monitoring system and the proposal to correct it. He noted that recent borings at the A and B field as part of the methane monitoring investigation revealed garbage.

### **10. Reopen Agenda/Public Forum II:**

**Motion to reopen Agenda/Public Forum:** Councilmember Bicocchi Second: Councilmember Murphy

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

Thomas Wanner, 523 Fairview Ave – commented on the A and B field situation and theorized about gas migration from under the cap to those fields. Dr. Boswell noted that the Borough has not yet conceded certain assumptions that are being made.

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

### **11. Resolutions as Consent Agenda:**

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. Resolutions b and c were added at this time.

#### **Consent Agenda:**

- a) **Resolution #20 - 35: Awarding Contracts Exempt From Public Bidding – Various Borough Professionals**
- b) **Resolution #20 - 36: Awarding Contract by Public Bidding - Public Defender**
- c) **Resolution #20 - 37: Authorize RFP For Alternate Public Defender**

**Motion to Approve Resolutions #20-35 through #20-37:** Council President Montana Second: Councilmember Collins

Roll Call: Councilmember Bicocchi - Yes      Councilmember Hodges – Yes  
                 Councilmember Collins – Yes      Councilmember Murphy - Yes  
                 Councilmember Dell – Absent      Council President Montana – Yes

**12. Resolution #20 - 38: Executive Closed Session II**

**Motion to Approve Resolution #20-38:** Councilmember Bicocchi Second: Councilmember Collins

Roll Call: Councilmember Bicocchi - Yes    Councilmember Hodges – Yes  
          Councilmember Collins – Yes        Councilmember Murphy - Yes  
          Councilmember Dell – Absent       Council President Montana – Yes

**13. Reopen the Meeting:**

**Motion to reopen the meeting:** Councilmember Bicocchi Second: Councilmember Murphy

Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative. The time was 10:02 pm.

**14. Adjournment:**

**Motion to adjourn:** Councilmember Bicocchi Second: Councilmember Murphy

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

The time was 10:02 pm.

Attest:

*(signed) Karen Hughes*

Karen Hughes, RMC, Borough Clerk

Proofed by: Denise Holmes, Deputy Clerk