

**BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD  
WORK MEETING OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL  
JANUARY 18, 2022 MINUTES  
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX  
101 Washington Avenue  
6:30 pm Public Session**

**1. Opening of the Meeting:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arroyo at 6:30pm. 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– Greco  
Councilmember Hodges – Present  
Councilmember Montana – Present  
Council President Dell - Present  
Borough Attorney Huntington – Present  
Borough Attorney Kool - Present  
Borough Administrator Ayer - Present  
Deputy Borough Clerk Hughes – Present

**Committee Assignments:**

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

**3. Flag Salute**

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

**4. Motion to Suspend Regular Order of Business**

Motion to Suspend Regular Order of Business: Council President Beth Dell Seconded: Chris Montana

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

**5. Items for Discussion:**

a) Government 101 Refresher: Mayor Arroyo tabled this discussion to the next work meeting on February 1, 2022 due to the absence of Borough Clerk Hughes.

b) 2022 Goals: Mayor Arroyo stated that he would like to continue the progress the Council has made over the past couple of years to progress into the years to come. The Mayor also discussed the fact that he does not want to give up on locations for the pump track. Mayor Arroyo also discussed how long term inflation could hurt the residents ability to pay taxes and that he would like to continue working on the budget with that in mind as he does not want all the good that has been done over the past 7 years to be lost. Councilmember Collins stated that she does not want everything to be cut out of the budget, but that additional grant writers could possibly help specifically with our biggest parts of the budget. Mayor Arroyo stated that it will change the broader perspective with digital grant writers. Councilmember Montana stated that it may cost a little more to have grant writers, but the possibility of getting a better percentage back will help the Borough.

c) Capital Projects: Council President Dell stated that the capital budget will be brought up tonight so that

the Borough can bid earlier for road projects to hopefully get a cheaper price with inflation and construction prices rising. Mayor Arroyo stated we may be surprised by future prices when the bids come back.

d) Fire Prevention Fees and Inspector: Councilmember Greco spoke about possibly increasing the fire inspection fees across the board to help offset costs for other personnel to help with the work load. Borough Attorney Huntington stated that there may be a statute to not have fire inspections every year, and he will look into that.

**6. Agenda/Public Forum:**

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

**7. Resolution #22-35: Executive Closed Session at 7:02pm**

**Motion to Approve Resolution #22-35:** Council President Dell Second: Councilmember Biccocchi

Roll Call: Councilmember Biccocchi - Yes Councilmember Collins – Yes

Councilmember Greco – Yes Councilmember Hodges - Yes

Councilmember Montana – Yes Council President Dell – Yes

Attest:

Jean-Marie Vadovic, Deputy Borough Clerk  
Proofed by: Karen Hughes, RMC, Borough Clerk