BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL
MAY 31, 2022 MINUTES
7:00 PM

1. Opening of the Meeting:
The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arroyo at 7:00 pm. Mayor Arroyo then read the Open Public Meetings Law Statement: Arroyo: “This meeting which conforms with the Open Public Meetings law, Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975, is a special remote Borough Council meeting. Notice was provided to the local newspapers, published in the Record, posted on the Borough website and on the municipal bulletin board.”

2. Roll Call:
Mayor Arroyo – Present
Councilmember Bicocchi – Present
Councilmember Collins – Present
Councilmember Greco – Absent
Councilmember Hodges – Present
Councilmember Montana – Absent
Council President Dell - Present
Borough Attorney Huntington - Present
Borough Administrator Ayer – Present
Borough Clerk Hughes – Present
Borough Auditor Vinci - 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. Public Forum:
Motion to open Agenda/Public Forum: Council President Dell   Second: Councilmember Bicocchi
Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the Affirmative.

The following individuals spoke in regards to the flooding in Westwood:

Anthony Bruno, 49 Lyons Place spoke in regards to the flooding issues. He stated that he was hoping that this Administration would do something to help the situation.

Jon Royland, 44 Benson stated he has been in the same house for the past 30 years and that flooding is getting worse. He stated that no one will take the blame for the flooding and that not dredging and elevated water levels by Veolia are causing problems. He also advised the Governing Body of the Flag Day Ceremony on June 14th, 2022.

Barbara Royland, 44 Benson spoke in regards to her feeling of Veolia not managing the water levels. Would like to see a compromise with Veolia to help alleviate and stop the flooding.

Susan Ruttenberg, 66 Benson stated that her parents bought the house in 1975 and since then has had increased flooding and damage to property. She has sent a letter to Suez/Veolia.

Mayor Arroyo stated that the Governing Body has been working and will continue to work on the flooding issues in Westwood to try and resolve or help the flooding problems.
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Motion to close Agenda/Public Forum: Council President Dell Second: Councilmember Bicocchi
Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative.

5. Resolution #22-144: Executive Closed Session
   1. DPW Personnel Matters (#8 Personnel)
   2. Police Personnel Matters (#8 Personnel)
   3. Westwood Avenue Sidewalk (#7 Attorney Client Privilege)

Motion to Approve Resolution #22-144: Council President Dell Second: Councilmember Bicocchi
Roll Call: Councilmember Bicocchi - Yes Councilmember Collins – Yes
 Councilmember Greco – Absent Councilmember Hodges - Yes
 Councilmember Montana – Absent Council President Dell – Yes

6. Reopen the Meeting: Councilmember Bicocchi Second: Council President Dell
Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative. The time was 8:04 pm.

7. Items for Discussion:
   a) Parking Authority/Utility
   Borough Attorney Kool introduced Borough Auditor Gary Vinci to review what will need to be
done to get transfer to utility. Projected timeline is late July/August for transfer from Authority
to Utility.

8. Ordinances for Introduction/Adoption

Ordinance For Introduction
22-13 An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 375 Part 2, Article VIII, Metered Time Limit Parking,
Section 36 Rates; Time Limitations

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance #22-13 entitled “An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 375 Part 2
Article VIII, Metered Time Limit Parking, Section 36 Rates; Time Limitations” is hereby
introduced by title; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to advertise said ordinance with
a June 28th, 2022 hearing date in the official newspaper according to law.
Motion to pass the ordinance on First Reading: Councilmember Hodges Second: Council President Dell
Roll Call: Councilmember Bicocchi - Yes Councilmember Hodges – Yes
 Councilmember Collins – Yes Councilmember Montana – Absent
 Councilmember Greco – Absent Council President Dell - Yes

Ordinances For Adoption

9. Presentation of Bills, Financial Reports and Resolutions:
The following resolutions may be enacted in one motion as a Consent Agenda.
Councilmembers wishing to remove any Resolutions(s) to be voted upon separately may do so at this time,
and said Resolution(s) will be considered separately.

**Resolutions as Consent Agenda:**

a) Resolution #22-145 : Bills List  
b) Resolution #22-146 : Appointment of Senior Van Driver  
c) Resolution #22-147 : Award of Bid for 2021 CDBG Project and 2022 Road Program  
d) Resolution #22-148 : Authorizing Preparation of Plans and Specifications, and Bidding for the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations  
e) Resolution #22-149 : Authorization to Issue Estimated Tax Bills  

**Motion to add Resolution "f":** Council President Dell Second: Councilmember Collins  
Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative.

f) Resolution #22-150 : Authorizing Hiring Process for Additional SELIO II

**Motion to Approve Resolutions #22-145 through #22-150:** Council President Dell Second: Councilmember Collins  
Roll Call: Councilmember Bicocchi - Yes  
Councilmember Collins - Yes  
Councilmember Greco - Absent  
Councilmember Hodges - Yes  
Councilmember Montana - Absent  
Council President Dell - Yes

10. **Adjournment:**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Councilmember Collins Second: Council President Dell  
Voice Vote: Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative. The time was 8:20 pm.

Attest:

Karin Hughes, RMC, Borough Clerk  
Prepared by: Jean-Marie Vadovic, Deputy Borough Clerk