

BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD
2021 SINE DIE MEETING OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL
JANUARY 4, 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 6:30 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– Montana Present
Councilmember Hodges – Present
Councilmember Murphy – Present
Council President Dell - Present
Borough Attorney Huntington – Present
Borough Administrator Ayer - Present
Borough Clerk Hughes – Present

Committee Assignments:

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

3. Flag Salute

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

4. Approval of Minutes: September 14, 2021; September 28, 2021 Special Meeting; September 28, 2021 Public Meeting; October 12, 2021

Motion to Approve Minutes: Council President Dell Second: Councilmember Murphy

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

5. Engineer's Report

Mr. Senkevich wished everyone a healthy happy new year.

The Title V report shows that gasoline throughput is at the maximum for the year. It has been raised twice in the past few years. Mr. Senkevich will check with Mr. Woods about asking the DEP to raise the limit. Councilmember Montana suggested looking at the allocation to understand the usage and increase. Councilmember Murphy thinks it could be due to the volume of pandemic-related social usage of Borough vehicles such as birthday parades. Mayor Arroyo recommended obtaining the breakdown of use by department.

Mayor Arroyo said the pistol range map shows it to be 100 x 100. He asked if the map can reflect where we can actually disturb soil. Mr. Senkevich said he has asked his environmental department to look into the restrictions. He thinks the property can expand to the north.

Mayor Arroyo asked about using millings at Westvale. Mr. Senkevich said the DEP has changed its terminology and millings can now be used on parking areas.

6. Reports of Committees and Officials:

A) Mayor's Report

Mayor Arroyo wished everyone a happy, healthy new year. Hopefully 2022 will put Covid in the rear view mirror. He pledged that the Governing Body will continue to serve the public interest in the best way it can.

B) Council President's Report

Council President Dell echoed the Mayor's comments. She said it's been an incredible year and the Borough has come a long way. She thanked Councilmember Murphy for serving. She wished everyone a healthy happy new year.

C) Council Liaison & Committee Reports

1) Finance, Administration and Capital Projects: BD

Council President Dell looks forward to hitting the ground running. There are positions to fill, and the Finance Committee will be mindful of increased costs when preparing the budget as per the Mayor's suggestion.

2) Fire and Ambulance: JM

Councilmember Murphy said none of her committee met recently. She noted that it's always important to leave things better: Shade Tree is doing amazing, the Fire Department has come a long way, and she has prompted the Ambulance Corps to move their meetings to a different time than Council meetings. She wished all well in the new year.

3) Health and Hospital: CH

Councilmember Hodges piggybacked on the happy, healthy new year sentiments. She said the Council accomplished a lot as a group in 2021, and she appreciates what each person has taught her. She wished everyone a happy new year.

4) Land Use: RB

Councilmember Bicocchi echoed sentiments for a happy, healthy new year. He noted that a lot was accomplished but it wasn't about the Governing Body. Westwood starts with 'we'. He wished Councilmember Murphy good luck in the future and thanked everyone for a successful year.

5) Police and OEM: EC

Councilmember Collins is excited that the Police Department will be swearing in two new officers on Thursday. She is proud of the work the PD has done. She wished everyone a happy new year.

6) Public Works and Recreation: CM

Councilmember Montana thanked Mr. Buchheister and Mr. Woods for working hard to establish boundaries and understand the roles that each plays in their intertwined world. He is proud of those departments. He thanked Councilmember Murphy and welcomed Anthony Greco. He said the Governing Body achieved great things over the last several years, and hopes to achieve greater going forward. He noted there are challenges but taxpayers and residents have built a strong brain trust that is individually smart and together brilliant, and can't be stopped. He wished everyone blessings for a new year. Onward.

D) Attorney's Report

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Mr. Huntington echoed the words for the dedication and competence of this group of people.

E) Administrator's / Clerk's Report

Mrs. Ayer wished everyone a happy, healthy 2022. She said it's wonderful to be back in Westwood. The first 7 months have been busy, and she is looking forward to 2022 and big goals.

Mrs. Hughes wished everyone a blessed and healthy 2022.

7. Agenda/Public Forum:

Motion to open Agenda/Public Forum: Councilmember Bicocchi Second: Council President 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.

8. Presentation of Bills, Financial Reports and Resolutions:

Council President 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 as Consent Agenda:

a) **Resolution #21 - 337: Bill List & Statement of Cash**

b) **Resolution #21 - 338: Approval to Cancel Tax Overpayments & Balances**

c) **Resolution #21 - 339: Approval to Cancel Tax Balances for Unknown Properties**

d) **Resolution #21 - 340: Approval to Cancel Taxes For Block 409 Lot 11 Clairmont Ave**

e) **Resolution #21 - 342: Cancelling Grant Receivables**

f) **Resolution #21 - 342: Authorizing Advertisement for Payroll Manager**

g) **Resolution #21 - 343: Authorizing The Borough Of Westwood To Participate In The Nationwide Settlement Agreements With Johnson & Johnson, Mckesson, Cardinal Health, And Amerisourcebergen To Resolve Claims Involving Their Roles In The Country's Opioid Crisis**

Motion to Approve Resolutions #21-337 through #21-343: Council President Dell Second:
Councilmember Bicocchi

Roll Call: Councilmember Bicocchi - Yes Councilmember Hodges - Yes

Councilmember Collins - Yes Councilmember Montana - Yes

Councilmember Murphy - Yes Council President Dell - Yes

9. Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: Councilmember Montana **Second:** Councilmember Murphy

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

The time was 6:48 pm.

Attest:


Karen Hughes, RMC, Borough Clerk

Proofed by: Jean-Marie Vadovic, Deputy Clerk