

**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 Biccocchi – 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 Biccocchi  
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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 Rутtenberg, 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.

**Motion to close Agenda/Public Forum:** Council President Dell Second: Councilmember Bicochi  
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 Bicochi

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

**6. Reopen the Meeting:** Councilmember Bicochi 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 Bicochi - Yes      Councilmember Hodges – Yes  
Councilmember Collins – Yes      Councilmember Montana – Absent  
Councilmember Greco – Absent      Council President Dell - Yes

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**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 SLEO II

**Motion to Approve Resolutions #22-145 through #22-150:** Council President Dell Second:  
Councilmember Collins

Roll Call: Councilmember Bicocchi - Yes	Councilmember Hodges – Yes
Councilmember Collins – Yes	Councilmember Montana – Absent
Councilmember Greco – 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:



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