

**BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD  
PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL  
JULY 16, 2019 MINUTES  
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX  
101 Washington Avenue  
7:30 PM Executive Closed Session/8:00 pm Public Session**

**1. Opening of the Meeting:**

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

**Committee Assignments:**

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

**3. Resolution #19 - 195: Executive Closed Session**

**Motion to Approve Resolution #19-195:** Council President Arroyo Second: Councilmember Dell

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

**4. Reopen the Meeting:**

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

Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative. The time was 7:51 pm.

**5. Roll Call II:**

Mayor Birkner – Present / Councilmember Collins – Present / Councilmember Montana – Present /  
Councilmember Bicocchi - Present / Councilmember Dell – Present / Councilmember Murphy -  
Present / Council President Arroyo - Present / Borough Administrator Kezmarsky - Present /  
Borough Attorney Huntington – Present / Borough Engineer Senkevich – Present / Borough Clerk  
Hughes - Present

**6. Flag Salute**

Council President Arroyo gave the invocation. Mayor Birkner led those present in the salute to the flag.

**7. Approval of Minutes: May 7 & 21, 2019**

**Motion to Approve May 7 & 21 Minutes:** Councilmember Dell Second: Councilmember Bicocchi

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

**8. Reports of Committees and Officials:**

**A) Mayor's Report**

**1) Fiber Optic Network**

Mayor Birkner asked for an update on the fiber optic network project. Mr. Kezmarsky anticipates having a resolution for approval at the August 6 meeting.

**2) Flooding Report**

Mayor Birkner reviewed the reservoir and stream levels, which are currently low normal. The Borough will continue to work with the DEP about maintaining levels year round.

**3) Alumni in Recovery**

Mayor Birkner advised that Alumni in Recovery will meet September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center.

**4) NJDOT Mill Street Project**

Mayor Birkner anticipates the Mill Street paving and drainage project to begin sometime in October.

**5) Community Center Sidewalk**

Mayor Birkner said the Recreation Director has requested the sidewalks at the Community Center be repaired. The recommendation is to include it in the road repaving as a change order if possible.

**6) NJDOT Sand Road Project**

Mayor Birkner met with Mr. Senkevich on Sand Road to discuss striping for the speed tables. The signage is obstructed by branches that need to be cleared. They discussed giving more advanced notice to drivers.

**7) Old Hook Road Sidewalk Project**

Mayor Birkner asked for a timetable on redoing the Old Hook Road sidewalk. Mr. Kezmarsky anticipates spring construction based upon the grant award timetable.

**8) Eagle Scout Project Presentation**

Tim Iorio presented his Eagle Scout project to build an 8x8 storage shed for Dragon Soccer at Westvale Park. It will be freestanding so there is no digging involved. The shed will be constructed in pieces at his house and then brought to the park for assembly. Mr. Iorio was advised to coordinate with Mr. Buchheister and Mr. Woods on the location, preferably near the cameras. The project was approved with the stipulation that he comes back to let the Governing Body know the location.

**B) Council President's Report**

**1) Lyme Disease Pet Vaccination**

Council President Arroyo said the new veterinary hospital is interested in providing free lyme disease vaccinations for licensed Westwood pets.

**C) Engineer's Report**

**1) Biweekly Report**

Dr. Boswell reviewed the biweekly report, a copy of which is attached.

**2) NJDOT Sand Road Project**

Dr. Boswell advised they would be using red Endurablend ,PMS 485, running bond pattern, on the crosswalk at Sand and Harrington. Mayor Birkner added that other improvements include a yellow strip and chevrons, and moving the signs.

**D) Council Liaison & Committee Reports**

**1) Finance, Administration and Capital Projects: CM**

**a) Environmental Committee**

Councilmember Montana reported that the Environmental Committee is working on outlining a vision for a proposed rain garden at Nugent Park, which will be presented to the Governing Body. If approved, member Christine Blaney will work with grants person Fred Rella on pursuing grant funding. Councilmember Montana said the Environmental Committee members have differing thoughts on their purpose. He advised them to review the ordinance, since the newer members had never read it. The Environmental Committee's projects include the plastic bag recycling bench program, and the pollinator and raid gardens.

**b) Pedestrian Safety**

Councilmember Montana reviewed the locations of the new speed check signs around the Borough, which are part of the Pedestrian Safety program. Locations are based on resident complaints, and while the three signs will be moved between locations, the posts are permanent.

**2) Fire and Ambulance: RB**

**a) Fire Department**

Councilmember Bicocchi reviewed the June fire report. The Fire Prevention Bureau reminds everyone to check their smoke detector batteries. The Fire Department will celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the firehouse.

**b) Senior Advisory Committee**

At the July Senior Advisory Committee a presentation was made by Westwood For All Ages. The Committee is requesting a parking spot for seniors and one for veterans in the Borough Hall parking lot. The first two spots on the west side of the lot are the suggested location. Mayor Birkner pointed out that the New Jersey Senior Olympics will be held in Woodbridge from September 6-8.

**c) Ambulance Corps**

Councilmember Bicocchi stated that the annual Ambulance Corps Carnival will be held July 23-27. He reminded the Governing Body to sign up for participation. Sadly there is no dunk tank this year.

**3) Health and Recreation: BD**

**a) Recreation**

Councilmember Dell reviewed the upcoming Summer Concerts and Movies in the Park. She advised that the Eagle Scout sand volleyball court in Hegeman Park is completed, and the Bird Sanctuary project will begin soon.

**b) Cooling Center**

In anticipation of the heat wave this weekend, Councilmember Dell proposed the Community Center

be used as a cooling center on Saturday, since that is the one day the Library is not open. All agreed. Mayor Birkner directed Mr. Kezmarsky to prepare an announcement and to notify residents via Nixle that the Community Center and Borough Hall will be open as cooling centers on the weekend, as well as the Library on Sunday.

**c) Babysitting Clinic**

Councilmember Dell gave details on the Babysitting Clinic to be held July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**d) Stigma Free Committee**

Councilmember Dell reported that the Stigma Free Committee met on June 1<sup>st</sup> to work on its mission statement. Meetings are the first Monday at 7:00 pm in the Library. Mrs. Hughes was directed to add the dates to the Borough calendar. Mayor Birkner noted that is the Zoning Board meeting night. Councilmember Dell said after much discussion that was determined to be the night that worked for everyone. She added that the Committee would like an official liaison and she offered to fill the role. Mayor Birkner suggested creating that liaison in 2020. Councilmember Dell said the Committee would like a liaison now, as they feel it helps legitimize them.

**e) Library**

Councilmember Dell reviewed the summer reading program at the Library. She noted the Taste of Westwood is scheduled for Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**e) Lyme Pet Vaccination**

Councilmember Dell distributed information on the proposed free lyme disease vaccination program that would be administered by the new veterinarian through September 15<sup>th</sup>. Resident would only need to show the dog's license to be eligible.

**4) Land Use: EC**

**a) Film Friendliness**

Councilmember Collins suggested making Westwood more film friendly by revising the ordinance to include more discretion with fees. She would like to submit photos of Westwood to the State Film Commission's location inventory. The Chamber will put together packages for film crews to utilize to get discounts. All approved the concept, so Councilmember Collins will work on revising the ordinance.

**b) Celebrate Westwood**

Councilmember Collins said the Celebrate Westwood team did a great job showcasing Westwood on their Facebook page. She suggested showcasing Borough employees on the Borough website. Mayor Birkner thought it would be nice to feature different employees.

**c) Land Use Boards**

Councilmember Collins reported that the June 27<sup>th</sup> Planning Board discussion of short term rentals was continued at the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, where Chief Pontillo voiced his opposition and concerns. Further discussion will be held at the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Councilmember Dell pointed out that not many people attended the Planning Board meeting because they didn't recognize short term rentals as Air Bnbs. Councilmember Collins informed that after review of an application for the Parian

property by the Planning Board, there was a presentation by NJ Future that resulted in a lively discussion, to be continued on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Collins next reviewed the applications pending before the Zoning Board.

**d) Historic Preservation Committee**

Councilmember Collins said there will be no Historic Preservation Commission meeting in July. The HPC has reached out to a historic preservation company to present a ‘your old house’ seminar in Westwood. They are hoping to do monthly educational events going forward.

**5) Police and OEM; Shared Services: RA**

**a) Police**

Council President Arroyo advised that the Police Department is working with NJ Transit about buses on Madison Avenue taking up parking and blocking the driveway. Drivers have been warned and summonses issued. It appears the problem is under control. The Chief has spoken to the NJ Transit regional supervisor about a curb cut on Transit-owned property along Broadway to create a layover stop for the buses.

**6) Public Properties: JM**

**a) Green Team**

Councilmember Murphy reported on the Green Team’s screening of A Plastic Ocean. The guest speaker was from the Norwalk Aquarium. There were about 40 attendees plus children. The Green Team is trying to raise awareness. The program included a demonstration of how many bags a family of three generates. Councilmember Murphy noted that two Environmental Committee members attend Green Team meetings, and the Team is ready to help the Environmental Committee with any projects.

**b) DPW**

Councilmember Murphy advised that the DPW is watering the new trees downtown. They have replaced the water tanks at the Community Garden.

**c) AARP Parklet Grant**

Councilmember Murphy announced that Westwood is one of 150 communities to be awarded a grant for a parklet in the Central Business District. The goal is to create seasonal, movable, public outdoor seating space for shoppers to sit outside and linger. It makes the downtown a destination and provides a spot for older residents to sit and rest. The Chief is working on placement that will not impact parking. He had just seen a parklet in Princeton and has some ideas. Councilmember Murphy thanked Mr. Rella for working on the grant, and the Parking Authority for their support. If the Borough accepts the grant the check will arrive in August. Mayor Birkner commented that it fits nicely into the age friendliness. He appreciates the AARP recognition.

**E) Attorney’s Report**

No report.

**F) Administrator’s / Clerk’s Report**

**a) Borough Hall Upgrades**

Mr. Kezmarsky reported that work to upgrade the Borough Hall lights began this week and should wrap up in about a week. He will have an HVAC upgrade update by August 6<sup>th</sup>.

**9. Agenda/Public Forum:**

**Motion to open Agenda/Public Forum:** Council President Arroyo Second: Councilmember Dell  
Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the Affirmative.

Sue Silberman, 11 Madison Avenue – said she is happy to hear about the Police addressing buses on Madison. She asked for details, which Council President Arroyo reviewed.

MaryLou Eisele, 11 Madison Avenue – discussed how buses are a safety issue for residents coming out of the garage of the new apartment building on Madison Avenue.

Sue Silberman – reviewed the number of buses that use Madison and the issues caused. Ms. Silberman is not sure why Hekemian stopped allowing the buses to use the Kmart lot. She noted that the left and right turns from Washington Avenue onto Madison create another issue. She has written letters to NJ Transit about the noise, idling, fumes and amount of buses. It is a tremendous safety issue and she hopes the Council will work with the Police to help create a different route for the buses. Mayor Birkner said he will reach out to the NJ Transit Public Affairs contact. He has questions about the turn around for the layover site. A turnaround at the Hekemian Kmart property would eliminate the use of Madison Avenue.

MaryEllen Yale, 67 Lowell Street – voiced concern with the lack of communication and poor presentation of the Berkeley Avenue one way, and lack of response to residents' concerns. When Mayor Birkner said the Police reported going door to door to speak to residents, Mrs. Yale said many were not spoken to, and concerns presented at the March meeting on the changes were not addressed. She said while the residents are following the rules, other people are ignoring them, and Google maps hasn't been updated. She is concerned that they are being ignored, is unsure who to talk to, and now the Borough is moving forward with the ordinance. Mayor Birkner explained the ordinance hearing process and encouraged all to speak at the public hearing. Ms. Yale said she couldn't be more against a permanent one way street. She officially requested that the hearing be postponed from August 6<sup>th</sup> due to the lack of hearing of resident complaints and the number of people who will be on vacation. She asked about Title 40. Mayor Birkner explained that the Engineer advised is it not an option. Council President Arroyo explained in detail the investigation into Title 40 and Title 39 statutes. Ultimately the Borough's Engineers and Attorney said they are not applicable. Mrs. Yale voiced concerns with other aspects of the traffic plan. Council President Arroyo said there are a lot of pieces to the ordinance and believes it needs to be introduced. The process was on hold while the Title 40 and 39 options were researched but now the ordinance needs to be in place before school starts.

Mark Yale, 67 Lowell Street – explained that his driveway is two houses from Lexington Avenue and the change has increased speed on his section of the street. Mr. Yale said he doesn't look both ways any more so he is in danger of getting hit. He wants cones to block the street, and will sue the town when he gets hit. He asked who notifies Apple and Google to get changes on their maps. He said the signage is ineffective, and there needs to be white lines on the road and physical barriers.

Elaine Mosolino, 12 Berkeley Avenue – doesn't believe it is any safer and has been told by a real estate

agent that house values will go down.

Darlene Kane, 75 Lowell Street – asked to see a copy of the ordinance, and why it is being introduced before the public has seen it. Mayor Birkner explained the ordinance process. Ms. Kane has lived on Lowell since 1984 and recollected how a former principal was very active in ensuring all rules were obeyed. She thinks there needs to be a presence to get the parents to abide by the rules rather than instituting a one way, inconveniencing residents on weekends and in the summer, and lowering property values.

Mary Jane McIlveen, 21 Berkeley – discussed the impact of the changes on the net worth of 22 families, 30% of whom are seniors. Ms. McIlveen said that while she doesn't want kids hurt, there is little or no chance to regain the net worth due to the one way.

Joey Drew, 19 Seventh Avenue – voiced concern about overnight parking. Ms. Drew added that she loved the parklet idea.

Christa Brooks, 71 Lowell Street – agrees with Ms. Yates and Ms. Kane, she does not like the ordinance.

Jean DeRosa, 153 Lexington Avenue – lives on the corner of Lexington and Lowell, so she sees landscapers and FedEx trucks going the wrong way. Someone is going to get into an accident.

Cheryl Hodges, 40 Second Street – appreciates what everyone on the dais does and the time they give. Mrs. Hodges said when work was done on their street the dead end sign was removed and has not been put back. Mayor Birkner said it will be replaced.

Lisa Bontemps, 136 Lafayette Avenue – congratulated Councilmember Murphy and grants person Fred Rella on the parklet grant. Ms. Bontemps said Westwood For All Ages will be happy to assist bringing it about, including adding additional resources. She asked if the sidewalk on Madison Ave is part of the Trader Joe's renovation. There is a large tree that is impeding the sidewalk, as identified in the walkability study. Mayor Birkner said the Code Official will take a look, and the Administrator will look at the Developer's Agreement.

Councilmember Emeritus Peter Grefrath, 37 Goodwin Terrace – presented the quarterly Park Bench Program update. Mr. Grefrath also advised that the annual Westwood Charity Golf Outing will be held September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Jessica Yale, 67 Lowell Street – reiterated her parents' comments. Miss Yale is terrified when pulling out of her driveway because she is focused on the one direction. She has concerns that she will be hit by someone speeding. She is concerned for her younger sister learning to drive.

**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.

## **10. Ordinance for Introduction and Adoption**

### **Ordinances for Introduction:**

#### **19-11 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 375 Vehicles and Traffic To Codify Traffic and Parking Changes In The Area Of Berkeley School**

Councilmember Montana said he is concerned that the residents feel they haven't been heard. The 24/7 impact resonates with him. He mused that enforcement is the crux for the ordinance. Mayor Birkner agreed and said it should be in place before school starts. Councilmember Montana pointed out that it won't be added to Google maps until it's adopted; Mayor Birkner pointed out that his street has been a dead end for years and still isn't on the maps. Councilmember Montana is concerned about the disconnect of residents feeling they aren't heard vs the authorities who have talked to the Council about moving forward. He applauded Council President Arroyo and Councilmember Collins for doing the work and having everyone's best interest at heart. He asked how it would hurt if the ordinance wasn't adopted until 30 days into the school year. He suggested using a Special Police Officer to instruct, ensure compliance, and reprimand. Councilmember Montana believes it is the responsibility of the school and they are being totally lax and negligent. He noted that just because it is introduced tonight does not mean it will be approved when up for adoption. He wants to ensure there is a meeting because the homeowners are telling a different story. Mayor Birkner said he is concerned as well. He noted at the High School the Washington Township Police direct traffic during dropoff and pickup and wondered who pays for that. He would like to explore traffic control on Berkeley. Councilmember Montana suggested a special crossing guard. Councilmember Collins said she drives it every day and is always calling because there are no Police. She gets a response but then a few days later there are no Police again. Councilmember Montana again urged there be a Crossing Guard in front of the school ensuring compliance. Mayor Birkner pointed out that there's the dropoff and pickup rules during school days, and then there's the one-way that is 24/7 for 365 days of the year. Mr. Huntington advised that there are limitations on what a Crossing Guard can do. Mayor Birkner reviewed the differing powers of the Police, Specials and Crossing Guards, noting he questioned that during meetings. Council President Arroyo explained that some of the spottiness with the Police Presence was due to a shortage of Crossing Guards so the Police were covering other schools. He said with respect to the High School, the Police presence is paid for by taxpayers, and Township does not have the volume of work that Westwood does during rush hour, which is why he believes a Special would work. Mayor Birkner noted the high level of Police staffing currently in Westwood. He believes the Board of Education reimburses the Township for school coverage and events. Councilmember Montana pointed out that there are a lot of young drivers at the High School which is a big safety issue. He would like some type of hearing of the residents prior to the ordinance adoption process. He wants to ensure their voices are heard. He suggested the ordinance hearing be held later. Council President Arroyo suggested the hearing be on August 20<sup>th</sup>, giving time for conversations. He believes the ordinance needs to be adopted with or without the one-way element on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Birkner said the ordinance can be tabled, but Councilmember Montana thinks it is just an issue with timing. Council President Arroyo again suggested the ordinance hearing be on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Birkner said it will give residents more time to submit written comments. The consensus was to set the hearing for the 20<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Birkner advised residents to read the ordinance and submit comments to the Borough Clerk for distribution and for the record.



**BE IT RESOLVED** that Ordinance #19-11 entitled “An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 375 Vehicles and Traffic To Codify Traffic and Parking Changes In The Area Of Berkeley School” is hereby introduced by title; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to advertise said ordinance with an August 20, 2019 hearing date in the official newspaper according to law.

**Motion to pass the ordinance on First Reading:** Council President Arroyo Second: Councilmember Collins

Roll Call: Councilmember Collins - Yes

Councilmember Montana – Yes

Councilmember Bicocchi – Yes. He appreciates the opinions and comments. The fundamental point is safety for children and residents. He has some questions himself, such as the lack of participation by the school district to solve the problem for the neighbors. He suggested there could be speed deterrents like those on Sand Road installed on Lowell. Councilmember Bicocchi remembers visiting the Crossing Guard that was hit by a car at Berkeley Avenue, so he would like to see this process continue.

Councilmember Dell – Yes. She said these are very compelling arguments, and she has wrestled with and discussed her concerns with her colleagues. She thinks this is the solution for the time being.

Councilmember Murphy – Yes. She reiterated to pick up a copy of the ordinance and review it in its entirety.

Council President Arroyo – Yes. He said while the perception of residents is that they weren't heard, but they were heard, brought to the professionals and discussed in this room. As late as yesterday there was discussion about sunseting the ordinance, which would compel the Governing Body to return to the matter. Council President Arroyo feels terrible that the residents feel they've been ignored by they haven't been, the Borough has been trying to work out a solution.

Mayor Birkner explained that this vote make the ordinance available for review by the public and schedules it for the official hearing. He noted that tonight was general public comment, but there will be a hearing on the ordinance specifically on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

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**19-12 Bond Ordinance To Appropriate An Additional Sum Of \$45,000 For The Refurbishing Of The Brookside Park Basketball Court In, By And For The Borough Of Westwood, In The County Of Bergen, New Jersey, To Make A Down Payment, To Authorize The Issuance Of Bonds To Finance Such Additional Appropriation And To Provide For The Issuance Of Bond Anticipation Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Such Bonds**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Ordinance #19-12 entitled “Bond Ordinance To Appropriate An Additional Sum Of \$45,000 For The Refurbishing Of The Brookside Park Basketball Court In, By And For The Borough Of Westwood, In The County Of Bergen, New Jersey, To Make A Down Payment, To Authorize The Issuance Of Bonds To Finance Such Additional Appropriation And To Provide For The Issuance Of Bond Anticipation Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Such Bonds” is hereby introduced by title; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to advertise said ordinance with an August 6, 2019 hearing date in the official newspaper according to law.

**Motion to pass the ordinance on First Reading:** Councilmember Dell Second: Council President

Arroyo

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

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**19-13 Bond Ordinance To Authorize The Resurfacing Of Mill Street (From Third Avenue To Lafayette Avenue) In, By And For The Borough Of Westwood, In The County Of Bergen, State Of New Jersey, To Appropriate The Sum Of \$250,000 To Pay The Cost Thereof, To Authorize The Issuance Of Bonds To Finance Such Appropriation And To Provide For The Issuance Of Bond Anticipation Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Such Bonds.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Ordinance #19-13 entitled “Bond Ordinance To Authorize The Resurfacing Of Mill Street (From Third Avenue To Lafayette Avenue) In, By And For The Borough Of Westwood, In The County Of Bergen, State Of New Jersey, To Appropriate The Sum Of \$250,000 To Pay The Cost Thereof, To Authorize The Issuance Of Bonds To Finance Such Appropriation And To Provide For The Issuance Of Bond Anticipation Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Such Bonds.” is hereby introduced by title; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to advertise said ordinance with an August 6, 2019 hearing date in the official newspaper according to law.

**Motion to pass the ordinance on First Reading:** Councilmember Montana    Second: Councilmember Bicocchi

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

**Ordinances for Adoption:**

**19-9 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 175 Flood Damage Prevention**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Ordinance #19-9 entitled “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 175 Flood Damage Prevention” having hereby been read by title, shall have a hearing held on this date.

**Motion to open the public hearing:** Councilmember Collins    Second: Councilmember Bicocchi

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

**Public Comments:**

No comments.

**Motion to close the public hearing:** Councilmember Bicocchi    Second: Councilmember Murphy

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance known as #19-9 be passed on final reading and that a Notice of Adoption of said Ordinance be published in the official newspaper according to law.

**Motion for final adoption:** Councilmember Collins    Second: Councilmember Dell

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

**19-10 Bond Ordinance To Authorize The Making Of Various Public Improvements And The Acquisition Of New Additional Or Replacement Equipment And Machinery And New**

**Information Technology Equipment In, By And For The Borough Of Westwood, In The County Of Bergen, State Of New Jersey, To Appropriate The Sum Of \$147,500 To Pay The Cost Thereof, To Make A Down Payment, To Authorize The Issuance Of Bonds To Finance Such Appropriation And To Provide For The Issuance Of Bond Anticipation Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Such Bonds.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Ordinance #19-10 entitled “Bond Ordinance To Authorize The Making Of Various Public Improvements And The Acquisition Of New Additional Or Replacement Equipment And Machinery And New Information Technology Equipment In, By And For The Borough Of Westwood, In The County Of Bergen, State Of New Jersey, To Appropriate The Sum Of \$147,500 To Pay The Cost Thereof, To Make A Down Payment, To Authorize The Issuance Of Bonds To Finance Such Appropriation And To Provide For The Issuance Of Bond Anticipation Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Such Bonds” having hereby been read by title, shall have a hearing held on this date.

**Motion to open the public hearing:** Councilmember Montana Second: Councilmember Bicocchi  
Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative.

**Public Comments:**

No comments.

**Motion to close the public hearing:** Councilmember Bicocchi Second: Councilmember Murphy  
Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance known as #19-10 be passed on final reading and that a Notice of Adoption of said Ordinance be published in the official newspaper according to law.

**Motion for final adoption:** Councilmember Montana Second: Councilmember Bicocchi

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

**11. Presentation of Bills, Financial Reports and Resolutions:**

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 j and k were added at this time.

**Resolutions as Consent Agenda:** .

- a) **Resolution #19 - 196: Bill List & Statement of Cash**
- b) **Resolution #19 - 197: Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #17-00005**
- c) **Resolution #19 - 198: Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #16-00002**
- d) **Resolution #19 - 199: Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute A Grant Contract With The New Jersey Department Of Transportation For The Fairview Avenue Project**
- e) **Resolution #19 - 200: Accepting AARP Grant**
- f) **Resolution #19 - 201: Authorizing Mail Machine Lease With Jersey Mail Systems**
- g) **Resolution #19 - 202: Amending Annual Meeting Schedule**
- h) **Resolution #19 - 203: Reappointment of Temporary Purchasing Agent**
- i) **Resolution #19 - 204: Approval of Ms. Meehan Request to Consume Alcoholic Beverages on Public Property for a Wedding Reception**
- j) **Resolution #19 - 205: Chapter 159 – Municipal Alliance**
- k) **Resolution #19 - 206: Authorizing Offer of Employment for CFO**

**Motion to adopt resolutions #19-196 through #19-206:** Councilmember Dell

Second: Councilmember Collins

Roll Call: Councilmember Collins - Yes    Councilmember Montana – Yes

          Councilmember Biccocchi – Yes        Councilmember Dell - Yes

          Councilmember Murphy – Yes        Council President Arroyo – Yes

**12. Adjournment:**

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

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

The time was 10:24 pm

Attest:

*(signed) Karen Hughes*

Karen Hughes, RMC, Borough Clerk

Proofed by: Denise Holmes, Deputy Clerk