BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
DUMONT MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

Meeting to Authorize Closed Session at 6:00 PM
The Municipal Clerk read the resolution for the Closed Session Meeting to discuss:

- Potential Litigation – Municipal Complex
- Contractual Matters – Swim Club

Mayor John Russell called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.
Flag Salute, Moment of Silence
Sunshine Law: In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, Notification of this Meeting has been sent to our Official Newspapers, posted on the Borough website and Notice posted at Borough Hall and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call:
Council members: Kelly, Rossillo, Armellino, Sciarrino, Petry – Present
Councilwoman Aponte – Absent
Mayor John W. Russell – Present

Also in attendance: Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk Jeanine Siek, CFO Christopher Rutch, Borough Engineer John Dunlea and Borough Attorney Deena Rosendahl.

Motion to accept the agenda as presented: Councilwoman Petry
Second: Councilman Kelly; all in favor.

Motion to approve June 9, 2026 Closed Session Minutes: Councilman Kelly
Second: Councilwoman Rossillo
Roll call vote: Council members Kelly, Rossillo, Armellino, Sciarrino, Petry - yes

Motion to approve July 7, 2026 Closed Session Meeting Minutes: Councilwoman Rossillo
Second: Councilman Kelly
Roll call vote: Council members Kelly, Rossillo, Armellino, Sciarrino, Petry – abstain

Motion to approve August 11, 2026 Public Meeting Minutes: Councilwoman Petry
Second: Councilman Kelly
Roll call vote: Council members Kelly, Rossillo, Armellino, Sciarrino, Petry – abstain

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Russell attended the Liberty, Wheels and Wellness event. It was a great turnout, despite the weather.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Kelly –

- *Affordable Housing/New Development* – There were to be 3 resolutions on tonight's agenda regarding concern over housing development that have been in various stages of committee in the NJ Assembly and Senate. These resolutions are temporarily on hold pending further discussion and revision.

Councilwoman Rossillo –

- *Board of Education* – The BOE meeting will be on 9/17.
- *CAIDC* – The next meeting is on 9/2.

Councilman Armellino –

- *Library* – The Library will be closed on 9/7 for Labor Day. Their summer hours will be ending and regular hours will be resuming on 9/12. Tai Chi is on Tuesdays at 10 am and an indoor concert on 9/16.
- *DPW* – Ongoing activities include collection of trash and vegetation, pothole work, responding to tree issues, sewer work and stormwater basin cleaning, addressing sewer blockages, and training on Dumont's new sewer truck.
- *JLUB* – There was no meeting in August due to lack of applications. The next meeting is 9/29.

Councilman Sciarrino –

- *Shade Tree* – No report.

Councilwoman Petry –

- *Fire* – Through 8/31, the Dumont Fire Department responded to 347 emergency calls (218 daytime and 129 night time) totaling 6695 hours. The department participated in 50 drills and training events, totaling 456 hours.

Councilwoman Petry thanked members of the Dumont Fire Department and the Dumont Volunteer Ambulance Corps for the dedication and hard work.

ADMINISTATOR REPORT

BA Siek gave a report on the activities of the Arts, Beautification & Economic Development Committee. The 2nd Annual Pizza Crawl & Trolly History Tour will be on 10/2/26. The 1st Annual Build a Scarecrow event will be on 9/19, 9/20, 9/26, and 9/27. Their next meeting will be on 9/16.

New Borough Recreation Director, David Roman, started today. Preparations for Dumont Day are almost complete. A lot of fun things are planned. Dumont Day is on 10/12. The 9/11 remembrance ceremony is on Friday 9/11 at 6:30 pm. Thank you to Matt Banta and the Dumont Fire Department for organizing the service. There was a pre-construction meeting for the Sunnyside and Shadyside Resurfacing Project. The projected start date is 9/14. A pre-construction meeting for the NJDOT funded Depew Street Roadway Improvement Project is scheduled for 9/3. East Linden Ave. from Hillcrest Ave. to Howard St. is being added to the Riverside Coop Road Paving Program. The CFO and BA met with department heads to discuss the funded capital bond ordinances that have remaining balances. The Borough continues to meet with our risk manager to discuss health insurance options for next year due to another expected increase in the State Health Benefit Plan. The next Celebrate 250 Committee meeting will be on 9/8 to finalize details for the Grant Ave. street festival on 10/18. The county notified the Borough that they plan to pave New Milford Ave. next year.

CFO REPORT
CFO Rutch spoke about the Borough Capital Ordinance. The Borough has several fully funded ordinances that have not had a purchase order drawn down upon them for several years. These should be reviewed and determined if they can be cancelled.

ENGINEER REPORT
John Dunlea from Neglia reported on projects they are working on in Dumont. For the 2026 Riverside Coop Paving Program, E. Linden Ave. is being added. There was a pre-construction meeting for the Sunnyside Ave. and Shadyside Ave. project on 8/6. Construction starts on 9/14, weather permitting. The bulk of the work on the 2026 PSE&G roadway paving is complete, with the extension of a fairly extensive punch list. There was a sewer emergency at 30 Dakota Ave. The work is slated to begin later this week or next week. Lastly, Bergen County will be paving New Milford Ave. In conjunction with that, Neglia will be designing all of the ADA accessible ramps, which is a requirement of the county before they pave the roadway.

ATTORNEY REPORT
Attorney Rosendahl reported she drafted a tree removal ordinance that has been submitted to the ordinance committee.

The Municipal Clerk read the Review of Consent Agenda Items. All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a Council member or member of the public. Any item may be removed for further discussion or roll call vote, in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS
#26-295 – Revised – Appoint Acting Municipal Court Prosecutor & Alternate Acting Municipal Court Prosecutor *
#26-297 – Bills List *
#26-298 – Approval of Andrew Riba's Internship with Dumont DPW *
#26-299 – Authorize Contract for Lead Testing – LEW Environmental Services, LLC *
#26-300 – Refund Overpayment of Taxes Due to Veteran Tax-Exempt Status – Block 820, Lot *
#26-301 – Approval of Amended West Shore Avenue Block Party Request *
#26-302 – Authorize Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 25-00007 *
#26-303 – Authorize Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 24-00005 *
#26-304 – 2026-2028 Snowplow Agreement with County of Bergen *
#26-305 – Accept Aidan McKenna's Firefighter Application Retroactively *
#26-306 – Accept Christian Dansbach's Firefighter Application Retroactively *
#26-307 – Approval of Emily Reilly's Internship with Dumont Police Department *
#26-308 – Increase 2026 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program Award Amount to $475,214.74 *
#26-309 – Approval of BC ADA Ramp Program Engineering Design Services Cost Estimate – New Milford Avenue *

Public Comment – Consent Agenda Only
Motion to open to the public on Consent Agenda items only: Councilwoman Petry
Second: Councilwoman Rossillo; all in favor

1. Joan Struble, had questions regarding Resolutions #26-299, #26-304, and #26-309.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Sciarrino
Second: Councilwoman Petry; all in favor.

Motion to Adopt Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Petry
Second: Councilman Armellino
Roll call vote: Council members: Kelly, Rossillo, Armellino, Sciarrino, Petry – yes

Ordinances
2nd Reading
Mayor Russell read ordinances Mayor Russell read ordinances #1673, 1674, 1675 & 1676 by title together as they are non-controversial in nature.
Motion to **WAIVE** Formal Reading: Councilwoman Petry
Second: Councilwoman Rossillo; all in favor
BA Siek gave an overview and description of each ordinance.
Motion to open to the public on ordinances #1673, 1674, 1675 & 1676: Councilwoman Petry
Second: Councilman Kelly; all in favor.
No one from the public wished to be heard.
Motion to close to the public: Councilman Kelly
Second: Councilwoman Petry; all in favor.

#1673 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 98-26 of the Dumont Borough Code – Development Fees
Motion to **ADOPT** on 2nd reading: Councilman Armellino
Second: Councilwoman Petry
Roll Call Vote: Council members: Kelly, Rossillo, Armellino, Sciarrino, Petry - yes

#1674 Bond Ordinance to Authorize the Acquisition of a New Ladder Fire Truck in, by and for the Borough of Dumont, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, to Appropriate the Sum of $1,940,000 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
Motion to **ADOPT** on 2nd reading: Councilwoman Petry
Second: Councilman Kelly
Roll Call Vote: Council members: Kelly, Rossillo, Armellino, Sciarrino, Petry - yes

#1675 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21-34 of the Dumont Borough Code - Applicable Parking Lots and Parking Areas; Permit Fees & Chapter 21-35 of the Dumont Borough Code - Parking Regulations
Motion to **ADOPT** on 2nd reading: Councilwoman Petry
Second: Councilman Kelly
Roll Call Vote: Council members: Kelly, Rossillo, Armellino, Sciarrino, Petry - yes

#1676 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 317-3 of the Dumont Borough Code – Parking of Trailer – Amend to Include Registered Owner or Operator
Motion to **ADOPT** on 2nd reading: Councilwoman Petry
Second: Councilman Armellino
Roll Call Vote: Council members: Kelly, Rossillo, Armellino, Sciarrino, Petry - yes

Public Comment – General Comments
Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Petry
Second: Councilman Kelly; all in favor.

1. Paul Baboulis, assistant coach for the 10U Dumont baseball team asked for approval for a Shake the Can Fundraiser on Washington Ave. and Madison Ave. on 9/13/26.

Motion for Resolution #26-310 to Approve Fundraiser on 9/13/26 Subject to the Police Chief's Approval: Councilman Armellino
Second: Councilwoman Rossillo
Roll Call Vote: Council members: Kelly, Rossillo, Armellino, Sciarrino, Petry - yes

Motion to close to the public: Councilwoman Rossillo
Second: Councilwoman Petry; all in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Petry
Second: Councilwoman Rossillo; all in favor

The meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine E. Siek, RMC
Borough Administrator/Clerk