

Work Session Meeting
Mayor and Council
February 12, 2015

A Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale was called to order on January 22, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor White who announced that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act were met by the required posting and notice to publications.

The following individuals answered roll call: Councilmembers Bernstein, Homan, McSwiggan, Sasso, Strauch, Wilczynski. Mr. Valenzuela and Mr. Wiss, were also present.

Council President Bernstein opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Public Comments:

Robert Patterson 32 Stone Fence Road

Mr. Patterson voiced his concern about using the DPW personnel for maintenance of the John Fell House. He also mentioned his concern about and opposition to any consideration by the Borough, of the acquisition of the Fell House in the future. He asked about the legality of the Borough's involvement.

Administration:

Mayor White led the council in a discussion of the Fell House maintenance by the DPW.

Mrs. Wilczynski indicated that the Fell House is owned by Bergen County and the State of NJ. It is part of Green Acres. The County at the Open Space Trust Fund that would like the Borough to have some part in the upkeep. The Maintenance will be snow removal which would include the driveway and the sidewalk. Any other maintenance would have to be approved by the Council.

There was a general discussion about DPW involvement in the Maintenance of the Fell House.

Attorney Ray Wiss.

1. Illegality - indicated that Public funds and tax dollars cannot be used on private enterprise, but because the Fell House is not privately owned, but owned by the County and State of NJ. This means it would pass muster and that the Borough's involvement is in fact legal.
2. Does it does not create a president or is this an isolated issue.
3. Potential acquisition
4. Presidential question. – will have to see what the future incident is at the time that is

Agenda Review:

Mayor White reviewed the agenda.

Mayor's Report:

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Adjournment:

On a motion by **Councilman Sasso**, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn to Work Session at **8:22** p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Valenzuela
Acting Municipal Clerk