

March 11, 2013

A Special meeting of the Borough Council was held in the Municipal Building on March 11, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mr. Barra who announced that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act were met by the required posting and notice of publications.

The Mayor led those present in a salute to the flag.

The following Council members answered roll call: Mrs. McSwiggan, Mrs. White, Mrs. Wilczynski and Mayor Barra. Mr. Bernstein, Ms. LaMonica and Mr. Strauch were absent. Also present were Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. Bole.

Mr. Barra opened the meeting to the public for comments. There were none.

Mayor Barra stated that this meeting is for the purpose of approving an agreement with United Water and setting the date for a public hearing. The public hearing will be held at the Regular Session which begins at 8:00 on March 28th. He noted that the Council members have all been given a copy of the contract which was drafted after extensive negotiations between United Water and the Borough.

Mrs. White thanked the members of the Water Committee for having done an excellent job of making sure the Borough's best interests were taken care of.

Mrs. McSwiggan said the Committee believes this is a solid contract with a company that has been operating, maintaining and managing water systems for over 143 years. United Water has a great reputation and they know what they're doing. They have the professional expertise, the staff and the equipment to continue to operate the Water Department in an efficient manner. This will save the Borough money and enhance the customer service aspect of the department. She believes it is a good way to proceed.

Mr. Barra said the final approvals will be given after the public hearing.

Resolution 13-104 – Introduced by Mrs. McSwiggan, seconded by Mrs. Wilczynski

Whereas, the Borough of Allendale (“the Borough”) has negotiated a proposed agreement with United Water Operations, Inc. (“United Water”) for the operation and maintenance of its water system; and

Whereas, the proposed Agreement has been negotiated pursuant to the New Jersey Water Supply Public-Private Contracting Act (N.J.S.A. 58:26-19 et seq.); and

Whereas, the Governing Body has had the opportunity to review the draft of such agreement; and

Whereas, a public hearing on such agreement is to be scheduled for March 28, 2013;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Governing Body for good cause that:

1. It does hereby approve the form and content of the proposed agreement with United Water subject to revisions that may be made based upon comments at the public hearing, and further subject to formal approval by Resolution or Ordinance, execution of the agreement and receipt of regulatory approvals as required by law; and
2. It does hereby authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign a memorandum of understanding or other such document which expresses the Governing Body's preliminary approval set forth herein, subject to review and approval of the Borough Attorney; and
3. It does hereby authorize a public hearing to be scheduled for March 28, 2013 at 8pm and the Clerk is authorized to publish notice in the Record, as provided by law.

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Mr. Barra stated the meeting was concluded.

On a motion by Mrs. White, seconded by Mrs. Wilczynski, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen McCarthy
Municipal Clerk