

March 14, 2013

A regular meeting of the Borough Council was held in the Municipal Building on March 14, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.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: Mr. Bernstein, Mrs. McSwiggan, Mr. Strauch, Mrs. White, Mrs. Wilczynski and Mayor Barra. Ms. LaMonica was absent. Also present were Mrs. Goddel and Mr. Bole.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. White moved, seconded by Mrs. McSwiggan, to approve the minutes of February 28th. On roll call Mr. Bernstein abstained, all other Council members voted in favor.

Mayor's Appointments

Mayor Barra made appointments to the following Boards:

Planning Board

Theresa Checki	Class IV – Alternate	Term Expires December 31, 2013
Edward O'Connell	Class IV – Alternate	Term Expires December 31, 2013
Ellen Routh	Library Trustee	Term Expires December 31, 2013

Introduction of Ordinances

Ordinance 13-03 Water Rates

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

Be It Resolved that an Ordinance entitled 13-03, “An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 262 of the Code of the Borough of Allendale Entitled ‘Water’ ” heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 14th day of March, 2013, at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting place of the Borough Council, and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

(See copy of Ordinance 13-03 attached and made a part hereof.)

Ordinance 13-04 Salary Ordinance

Resolution 13-105 – Introduced by Mrs. White, seconded by Mrs. Wilczynski

Be It Resolved that an Ordinance entitled 13-04 “An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 53 of the Code Entitled ‘Officers and Employees’ “ be passed upon second and final reading and that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to advertise the same according to law

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

(See copy of Ordinance 13-04 attached and made a part hereof.)

Ordinance 13-05 Establish Position of Deputy Municipal Clerk

Resolution 13-106 – Introduced by Mrs. White, seconded by Mrs. McSwiggan

Be It Resolved that an Ordinance entitled 13-05 “An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 53 of the Code Entitled ‘Officers and Employees’ “ be passed upon second and final reading and that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to advertise the same according to law..

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

(See copy of Ordinance 13-05 attached and made a part hereof.)

Public Comment

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

Presentation of Proclamations, Petitions and Other Communications

Mayor Barra commented that for those people who don’t know Patty Wardell, she compiled an extensive history of Allendale which is a community that is steeped in history. In a few minutes, she will be confirmed as Allendale’s Historian Emeritus by a Proclamation from the Mayor and Council. When the Library is rededicated, the town will have an opportunity to become more aware of her book, the proclamation and Ms. Wardell’s dedication to the Fell House.

He opened the meeting to the public for comments about Patty Wardell.

Marilyn Tackaberry of 41 Ivers Road said she has lived in Allendale all of her life. She complimented Patty Wardell for the contributions she has made to the town. She noted that Ms. Wardell started the Historical Society in 1974 and wrote a quarterly newsletter on the history of the town. Many people wrote to her about their experiences growing up in Allendale. Ms. Tackaberry said Patty Wardell is a wonderful historian and over many years she selected

material for her book, Allendale, Background of a Borough. Ms. Tackaberry has compiled a family history with the use of Patty Wardell's materials. She concluded by thanking the Mayor and Joanne Hart for their help in making this proclamation possible.

Joanne Hart of 96 Dale Avenue said the front of Ms. Warfell's book is a chronological history and the back of the book is a genealogical history of every family in Allendale. Patty Wardell researched all the families in the book and hand typed twelve boxes full of data which would later be compiled into the book. Although Ms. Wardell moved to Florida in the mid-1990s, she continued to compile historical information for all of the original families of Bergen County. Ms. Hart's daughter, Ellie previously scanned in the book compiled by Patty Wardell to make it accessible to more people.

Nancy Greene of 299 Brookside Avenue thanked Mrs. Tackaberry for telling her about this evening's event honoring Patty Wardell. She too has worked with Joanne Hart on compiling additional information on Allendale's history. As director of the Ridgewood Library, she offered to share any resources she has access to concerning Allendale's history.

Suzanne Lovisolo of 88 Schuyler Road thanked Marily Tackaberry for promoting the recognition of Patty Wardell. As the mother of a third grader, she thanked Ms. Wardell for compiling the book on Allendale which third grade classes use in a study of the Borough.

Proclamation for Patricia Webb Wardell

Whereas Patricia Webb Wardell grew up in Allendale, and

Whereas, her home on Crescent Place was built by her Grandfather, James Webb who moved to Allendale in 1894, and

Whereas, her father, John Durie Webb was an Allendale Councilman and President of the Council in 1948, and

Whereas, Patti married Walter Wardell and they lived with their three children on Allen Street and Edgewood Road, and

Whereas, in 1967 the Hillside School was built, and with the help of the Junior Women's Club, Patti created a "traveling library" for the school, and

Whereas, Patti organized the Allendale Historical Society which had sixty-nine charter members on October 7, 1974, and

Whereas, for twenty five years Patti collected information about the Borough of Allendale, and in 1994 she published a book entitled, "Allendale, Background of a Borough", and

Whereas, it contains a wealth of information about the history of the area, the Borough of Allendale, and its early families and businesses.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that I, Vince Barra, On behalf of the Council of the Borough of Allendale recognize and honor Patricia Wardell and her family for their service to the Borough of Allendale.

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor and Council bestow upon Patricia Webb Wardell the title of "Historian Emeritus" of the Borough of Allendale.

Be It Further Resolved that they extend their thanks to her on behalf of the residents of Allendale for all she has done to preserve the history of the Borough for the generations to come.

Mr. Barra will send an original of the proclamation to Ms. Wardell along with a cover letter.

Introduction of Ordinances

Resolution 13-107 – Introduced by Mrs. White, seconded by Mrs. McSwiggan

Be It Resolved that an Ordinance entitled 13-06, "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 233 of the Code of the Borough of Allendale Entitled 'Streets and Sidewalks' " heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 28th day of March, 2013, at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting place of the Borough Council, and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Introduction of the Municipal Budget

As co-chair of the Finance Committee, Mrs. White said 2013 will be the third year in a row with a zero percent municipal tax increase. She added that the Council is very pleased to be able to keep the tax rates as affordable as possible.

Mr. Strauch referred to the three years without a tax increase as a "budgetary hat trick".

Mr. Barra complimented the Finance Committee and Alissa Mayer, the CFO who have all done an incredible job of making the zero percent increase happen. On his first year as Mayor, the Borough's credit rating was downgraded but it has since been increased to AAA.

Mrs. White and Mr. Barra also complimented the Department Heads who have continued to do more with less.

The Municipal Budget of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, for the fiscal year 2013.

Be It Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2013.

Be It Further Resolved, that said Budget be published in the Record in the issue of March 22, 2013.

The Governing Body of the Borough of Allendale does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2013.

Recorded Vote:

Bernstein	Yea
LaMonica	Absent
McSwiggan	Yea
Strauch	Yea
White	Yea
Wilczynski	Yea

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, on March 14, 2013.

A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on April 25, 2013 at 8:00 o'clock p.m. at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2013 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Resolution 13-109 – Introduced by Mr. Strauch, seconded by Mrs. White

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that it hereby approves the Bill List dated March 14, 2013.

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 13-110 – Introduced by Mr. Strauch, seconded by Mrs. White

Be It Resolved by the Council of the Borough of Allendale that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue checks to the following due to State Tax Board Judgments for the tax years 2011 and 2012:

2012

Block/Lot	Name	Amount
1702/9.01	Beattie Padovano, LLC Trust Account 50 Chestnut Ridge Road Suite 208 PO Box 244 Montvale, NJ 07645-0244 Frasco	\$2,280.96

2011

1401/9	Daniel P. McNerney Attorney Trust Account 20 Court Street Hackensack, NJ 07601 Kern	\$3,206.40
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Be It Further Resolved by the Council of the Borough of Allendale that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to transfer overpayment listed below due to a State Board Judgment from overpayment of 2011 Taxes to Taxes Receivable for 2013:

2011

303/5	Hartney, William & Mary	\$534.40
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On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 13-111 – Introduced by Mr. Strauch, seconded by Mrs. White

Be It Resolved by the Council of the Borough of Allendale that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue the following check on the property listed below and charge same to Overpayment of 2012 Taxes:

Block/ Lot	Name	Property Location	Amount
404/4	Wells Fargo Home Mortgage MAC X2302-04D 1 Home Campus Des Moines, IA 50328 Woodland	36 Heights Rd	\$5,007.71
511/5.21	Bildner, Daniel & Melissa 23 Sawyer Court Allendale, NJ 07401	23 Sawyer Ct	\$440.45

801/31.14	Gaunt, John 14 Fox Run Allendale, NJ 07401	14 Fox Run	\$124.62
1708/2	Tatosian, Charles II & Carol 66 Mallinson Street Allendale, NJ 07401	66 Mallinson St	\$2,348.87
2203/15	Paccione, Elizabeth M. 32 Cambridge Drive Allendale, NJ 07401	32 Cambridge Dr	\$1,437.57
TOTAL			\$9,359.22

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 13-112 – Introduced by Mr. Strauch, seconded by Mrs. White

Whereas, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to certain budget appropriations and no adequate provision has been made in the 2013 Temporary Budget, and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-20 provides for the creation of emergency temporary appropriations for said purpose; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-20;

1. An emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made in the total amount of:

Current Fund	
Mayor & Council, O.E.	1,000
Municipal Clerk, S&W	2,000
Finance, O.E.	1,000
Finance, O.E.	1,000
Tax Collection, O.E.	1,000
Electrical, S&W	500
Plumbing, S&W	500
Fire Sub Code, S&W	100
Insurance – Other, O.E.	44,000
Group Insurance - Other, O.E.	100,000
Worker’s Compensation	42,000
Unemployment Insurance	10,000
Police, S&W	100,000
Fire Official S&W	500
Radio Equipment Maint., O.E.	500
Municipal Prosecutor, S&W	500
Streets & Roads, S&W	50,000

Streets & Roads, O.E.	10,000
Animal Control, O.E.	1,000
Library, O.E.	150,000
Electricity	2,000
NW Bergen Sewer Authority	420,000
Municipal Court, S&W	1,000
Total Current Fund	\$938,600
Water Utility Fund	
Water Purchase	\$30,000

2. That said emergency temporary appropriation will be provided in the 2013 budget;
3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 13-113 – Introduced by Mr. Strauch, seconded by Mrs. White

Be It Resolved that the following salaries are approved for Borough Employees for the year 2013 except as otherwise noted: All salaries are retroactive to January 1, 2013.

John Wittekind, Construction Code Official	\$50,354
John Wittekind, Building Sub Code Official	\$3,360
John Wittekind, Plumbing Sub Code Official	\$3,360
John Wittekind, Zoning/Property Maintenance	\$8,727
John Wittekind, Fire Sub Code	\$1,343

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Committee Reports

Water and Sewer

Mrs. McSwiggan said there will be a public hearing with regard to the proposed contract with United Water on March 28th. The Committee looks forward to the public's scrutiny and they hope the contract will have the support that they believe it deserves.

With regard to the sump pump issue there have been 735 positive responses, and 601 inspections completed with 24 violations and 7 corrections.

Mr. Barra noted that a notice was put in the newspaper with regard to the Public Hearing to be held on March 28th on the proposed contract with United Water. He urged the public to stop by the Municipal Clerk's office in Borough Hall to familiarize themselves with the contract.

Public Safety

Mr. Bernstein said the Public Safety Committee met on February 27th and discussed overtime. He thanked the Chief for trying to keep that number down. The accreditation process is underway and the next meeting will be on March 27th at 7:30 a.m.

Land Use and Construction Code

Mr. Strauch did not have a report.

Public Works

Mrs. White said starting Monday, March 18th construction will start on the Safe Routes to School Project. A reverse 9-1-1 will be made over the weekend to notify the residents of closures on West Crescent Avenue from Ivers Road to Franklin Turnpike, This will allow the contractors to get their work done within thirty days.

The project on Myrtle and West Crescent has started again and the traffic lights have been installed. Curbing and sidewalks will soon be reconstructed. There may be periodic closures but the paving should be done before May.

Personnel, Finance and Human Resources

Ms. LaMonica was absent.

Facilities, Parks and Recreation

Mrs. Wilczynski said the Community Development Block grant is moving forward for the ADA ramp, new doors and bathroom for the Red Barn. Hopefully this project will be completed in the next couple of months.

The Bergen County Open Space Grant for Crestwood Improvements is going before the Freeholders for approval on March 20th.

Municipal Attorney

Mr. Bole did not have a report.

Municipal Clerk

Mrs. Goddel did not have a report.

Mayor Barra opened the meeting to the public for final comments.

Mr. Jim Walsh from Food and Water Watch said he was pleased to learn more about the rich history of Allendale this evening. He appreciates the Mayor's comments encouraging people to review the contract and he suggested the document be put on the Borough's website.

He asked if the Reverse 9-1-1 system could be used to notify residents of the upcoming public hearing on Water Operations by United Water.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen McCarthy
Municipal Clerk