

Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2015

A Regular Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale was held in the Municipal Building at 500 West Crescent Avenue, Allendale, NJ on June 25, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor White who asked that the Interim Municipal Clerk Read the open public meetings statement:

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public meetings Law. This meeting of June 25, 2015, was included in the list of meetings notice sent to the Record, Ridgewood News, Star Ledger on January 7, 2015 and advertised in said newspapers on January 10, 2015, posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 7, 2015 and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

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

Roll Call:

The following individuals answered roll call: Councilmembers Bernstein, Sasso, Strauch, Wilczynski, and Mayor White chaired the meeting.

Absent: Councilwomen Homan and McSwiggan

Raymond Wiss, Municipal Attorney, and Deborah Fehre, Interim Municipal Clerk, were also present.

Approval of Minutes: April 23, 2015 Regular Session Minutes
May 28, 2015 Regular Session Minutes

On a motion by Councilman Strauch, seconded by Councilwoman McSwiggan, all minutes listed were offered for approval.

On Roll Call: Aye – Bernstein, Sasso, Strauch, and Wilczynski with Councilman Sasso abstaining on April 23, 2015 Regular Session.

Absent – Homan and McSwiggan,

Public Hearings for Advertised Ordinances:

Adoption of Ordinance 15-19

ORDINANCE 15-19

An Ordinance To Amend And Supplement The 2015 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance 15-01 Entitled “An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 53 Of The Code Of The Borough Of Allendale To Fix The Salaries, Wages And Compensation Of The Officers And Employees Of The Borough Of Allendale For The Year 2015”

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Mayor White opened the meeting to the public for comments on ordinance 15-19

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Councilman Bernstein, seconded by Councilwoman, Ordinance 15-19 was offered for adoption.

On Roll Call: Aye – Bernstein, Sasso, Strauch, and Wilczynski.
Absent – Homan and McSwiggan.

(See Ordinance 15-19, attached and made a part hereof.)

Adoption of Ordinance 15-20

ORDINANCE 15-20

“Criminal History Record Background Checks”

On a motion by Councilman Bernstein, seconded by Councilman Sasso, Ordinance 15-20 was recommended to be carried to the next Mayor and Council meeting, for a Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m., on July 9, 2015.

On Roll Call: Aye –Bernstein, Sasso, Strauch, and Wilczynski.
Absent: - Homan and McSwiggan.

Resolutions:

Resolutions 15-205, 15-206, 15-207, 15-208, 15-209, 15-210, 15-211, 15-212, 15-213, 15-214, 15-215, 15-216, 15-217, 15-218, 15-219, and 15-220

On a motion by Councilwoman Wilczynski, seconded by Councilman Sasso, Resolutions 15-205 through 15-220 were offered for adoption.

On Roll Call: Aye –Bernstein, Sasso, Strauch, and Wilczynski.
Absent: - Homan and McSwiggan.

Resolution 15-205

Authorize Mayor to Sign Participation Letter

Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Letter of Participation for the Allendale Woman’s Club to participate in the Turn The Towns Teal campaign in support of National Ovarian Cancer Month in September 2015; and

Be It Further Resolved that a Hold Harmless Agreement will be obtained for the event.

Resolution 15-206

**Approve Payment #3 and Ratify Change Order #2 to D&L Paving
for W. Allendale Ave. (sec 4), Ivers Rd. (Sec 2), Central Ave, and Erie Plaza
2013 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program**

Whereas, the Municipal Engineer has requested that certain changes are needed in the W. Allendale Ave. (sec 4), Ivers Rd. (Sec 2), Central Ave, and Erie Plaza contract, and

Whereas, Change Order No. 2 represents an increase of \$515.63 in the contract amount, therefore the final contract amount will be \$150,157.60. Change order No. 2 accounts for the following:

- Actual quantities of work measured and performed
- Additional Inlet Repairs; and

Whereas the approval of Change Order No. 2 is hereby ratified and acknowledged as paid with Payment #2 in a total amount of \$14,732.47

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Change Orders 1 and 2 result in an increase of \$3,857.73 or 2.6% to the original contract amount of 146,299.87 resulting in a new contract amount of \$150,157.60; **and**

Therefore, be it Further Resolved, that Final Payment No. 3 in the amount of \$3,003.15 shall be made to D & L Contractors, Inc. 681 Franklin Avenue, Nutley New Jersey, NJ 07110 for final payment of work completed through May 28, 2015.

Resolution 15-207

**Approval of Tax Appeal
Black Mill Work Co., Inc. v. Allendale**

WHEREAS, the tax payers, Black Mill Work Co., appealed the assessment levied on the subject property for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015; and

WHEREAS, the subject property is located on Block 1005, Lots 3 & 20 (220 & 230 W Crescent Avenue); and

WHEREAS, the Plaintiffs were represented by counsel; and

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WHEREAS, the Borough's expert commercial appraiser reviewed numerous documents including the pleadings, answers to interrogatories and market data and issued a preliminary opinion of value; and

WHEREAS, the appraiser and the assessor have agreed to compromise the appeal on the following terms: for the tax years 2012 and 2013, the appeals on **both** Lots will be withdrawn; for the tax year 2014, the appeal on Lot 20 will be withdrawn and the assessment on Lot 3 will be reduced from \$9,000,000 to \$8,500,000; for the tax year 2015, the appeal on Lot 20 will be withdrawn and the assessment on Lot 3 will be reduced from \$11,567,000 to \$9,000,000; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds available in the reserve for tax appeals account to satisfy the tax refund; and

WHEREAS, the assessor is of the opinion that the valuation of the subject properties are consistent with true value of the properties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that:

The proposed settlement for the tax appeal encaptioned Black Mill Work Co., Inc. v. Borough of Allendale as hereinbefore set forth is approved and the Borough Tax Attorney or a member of his firm is authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate its terms.

Resolution 15-208

**Authorization to Advertise Bid Specifications and Receive Bids
for the New Street Water Treatment Upgrade**

Be It Resolved the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey does hereby authorize the Borough Clerk to advertise and thereby solicit and accept sealed bids in accordance with State law for the repair project to the New Street Water Treatment Upgrade; and,

Be It Further Resolved that the final bid specifications be subject to form approval by the Borough Attorney.

Resolution 15-209

**Award of Contract for ADA Improvements to Borough Hall
to Goodwin Construction Services**

Whereas, the Borough finds the implement ADA improvements to the Borough Hall; and,

Whereas, quotations and pricing were sought by the Borough's Director of Operations;

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Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that a contract for ADA Improvements to Borough Hall be awarded to Goodwin Construction Services, PO Box 3126, Wayne, NJ 07470 in the amount of \$24,627.00.

Be It Further Resolved that the solicitation of quotes record be kept on file with the award of contract in the Municipal Clerk's office and that the Mayor is authorized to execute said contract.

Resolution 15-210

Accept Resignation – Summer Intern

Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the resignation of Summer Intern Samantha Bennewitz is hereby accepted

Resolution 15-211

Approval of Town Wide Garage Sale

Be It Resolved that the Annual Town Wide Garage Sale to be held on September 19, 2015, with a rain date of September 20, 2015, by the Allendale Woman's Club is hereby approved.

Be It Further Resolved that the Allendale Women's Club will comply with the Borough's requirements for insurance and hold harmless approval.

Resolution 15-212

Hire of Part-time CCO Inspector

Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Fred W. Depkin is hereby appointed a Part-time CCO Inspector effective June 26, 2015 through December 31, 2015; and

Be it further resolved that the annual salary be \$5,000.00 prorated in conjunction with the effective date through December 31, 2015.

Resolution 15-213

**Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation
NJS 40A:4-87**

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for the equal amount,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2015 in the sum of \$4,252.50, which is now available from the Division of Motor Vehicles in the amount of \$4,252.50.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$4,252.50 is hereby appropriated under the caption DDEF Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from the Division of Motor Vehicles in the amount of \$4252.50.

Resolution 15-214

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE (the "BOROUGH") AND OTHER BOROUGH PROFESSIONALS TO PREPARE AND FILE A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION FOR THIRD ROUND MT. LAUREL COMPLIANCE AND IMMUNITY, AND AUTHORIZING OTHER BOROUGH PROFESSIONALS AND OFFICIALS TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO IMPLEMENT AN UPDATE TO THE BOROUGH HOUSING PLAN ELEMENT OF THE MASTER PLAN AND FAIR SHARE PLAN FOR THIRD ROUND MT. LAUREL COMPLIANCE.

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2008, the Borough petitioned COAH for substantive certification for a third round housing element and fair share plan adopted by the Borough on December 29, 2008, addressing its third round fair share obligation consisting of three components pursuant to COAH's revised third round regulations; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2009 COAH approved the Borough's third round spending plan; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2009 COAH granted the Borough third round substantive certification; and

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2009, the Borough adopted and submitted the required implementing documents to COAH per the October 14, 2009 third round certification resolution; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2010, the Borough adopted an amendment to its third round certified housing element and fair share plan and to its COAH approved third round spending plan; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2010, COAH approved the Borough's amended third round spending plan; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of New Jersey invalidated the growth share methodology and COAH's Third Round regulations at *N.J.A.C. 5:96 & 5:97* in its decision captioned *In re*

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Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 & 5:97 by the New Jersey Council of Affordable Housing, 215 N.J. 578 (2013); and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2015 the Supreme Court issued an order eliminating the administrative processes afforded municipalities by the Fair Housing Act N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 *et. seq.*, effective June 8, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Superior Court of New Jersey must calculate the Borough's third round fair share obligation; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court provided for a thirty day window after June 8, 2015, during which time many municipalities will be able to file declaratory judgment actions in Superior Court to obtain, in practical effect, a judicial version of the substantive certification they had either received or applied for under N.J.S.A. 52:27D-313; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to file a new declaratory judgment action pursuant to the process set forth in the Supreme Court's March 10, 2015 Order; and

WHEREAS, throughout and notwithstanding the period of uncertainty over new Third Round Rules, the Borough has continued efforts to provide for low and moderate income housing opportunities within the Borough; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Borough Counsel is authorized to prepare and file a Declaratory Judgment action in the Superior Court on behalf of the Borough seeking a judgment of compliance and/or repose with the Borough's Third Round affordable housing obligation once such obligations are defined, and also seeking an order of immunity from Mt. Laurel builder remedy lawsuits during the process of adopting and filing the Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan with the Court, as well as during the period of Court review of the Borough's plan and all implementing ordinances.
2. Borough Counsel, Borough Engineer and other Borough professionals along with members of their respective firms, and appropriate Borough Officials are authorized to take such as actions as may be appropriate to further both the preparation and implementation of the updated Housing Plan Element of the Borough's Master Plan and Fair Share Plan for Third Round Mt. Laurel Compliance.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution 15-215

Renewal of ABC Liquor Licenses for 2015-2016

Whereas, all Plenary Retail Consumption, Retail Distribution, Limited Distribution and Club Licenses will expire on June 30, 2015; and,

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Whereas, the following applicants have complied with the provisions of the Act of the Legislature entitled, "An Act Concerning Alcoholic Beverages", being Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1933, its

supplements and amendments, and with the Rules and Regulations issued or to be promulgated by the State Commissioner of Alcoholic Beverage Control applicable.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue licenses to expire June 30, 2016, to the following:

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES - \$2,500.00

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| 0201-33-006-007 | Savini Restaurant LLC t/a Savini Restaurant | 168 West Crescent Avenue Allendale, NJ 07401 |
| 0201-33-001-002 | Allendale Bar & Grill, Inc. t/a Allendale Bar & Grill | 67 West Allendale Avenue Allendale, NJ 07401 |

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES - \$2,500.00

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| 0201-44-004-003 | Thrift Drug, Inc. t/a Rite Aid #10404 | 44 West Allendale Avenue Allendale, NJ 07401 |
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Resolution 15-216

Resolution Opposing the Municipal 'User-Friendly' Budget

WHEREAS, the Municipal 'User-Friendly' Budget was explained to elected officials of Bergen County towns by one of their auditing firms at the April 14, 2015 Bergen County League of Municipalities (BCLOM) Mayors' Breakfast; and

WHEREAS, all those in attendance saw no benefit to themselves or anyone else from the extra work and expense involved in these added requirements; and

WHEREAS, certain aspects of these requirements were in fact perceived to be detrimental to the interests of municipalities and their taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, no funding source was identified to cover the cost of the additional work to comply with these additional requirements; and

WHEREAS, this States' constitution requires the State to pay for State mandated programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the deadlines currently in effect are unrealistic and unattainable partly because the State system itself is not yet 100% operational;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BCLOM emphatically opposes the concept and the implementation of the Municipal 'User-Friendly' Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to all Bergen County State Legislators, the Governor's Office, the Local Finance Board, the Division of Local Government Services, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and every Bergen County Municipality.

Resolution 15-217

Approval of Service Agreement with the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority for Recyclable Materials.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Allendale (Borough) requires the services of a Recyclable Materials Recovery Facility to accept recyclable materials collected from its Municipal residents; and

WHEREAS, Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority (Authority) is a body corporate and politic constituting a public benefit corporation of the State of New York and has the capacity to accept at the Authority's Materials Recovery Facility such recyclable materials collected from the Borough's residents; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and the Authority wish to enter into a long term Agreement with; and

WHEREAS, the parties have reviewed the long term Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body that the proposed Agreement dated June 13, 2015, for a one year term commencing from the date of execution, be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Agreement is being awarded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(s) and 40A:11-5(2).

Resolution 15-218

Review of Annual Audit

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and,

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Whereas, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2013 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and,

Whereas, the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey is authorized to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, as per R.S. 52:27BB-334; and,

Whereas, the Local Finance Board has promulgated NJAC 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, at a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations”; and,

Whereas, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed at a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations”, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and,

Whereas, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to NJAC 5:30-6.5; and,

Whereas, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and,

Whereas, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 – to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 – “A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.”

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Resolution 15-219

2015 Crestwood Lake Salary Resolution – Supplement Three

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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 hires the following individuals at the corresponding rates of pay for the Crestwood Lake Swim Club 2015 Season as follows:

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| Kevin Grady | Substitute Lifeguard | \$8.50 per hour |
| Tom Hamrah | Substitute Lifeguard | \$8.50 per hour |
| Patrick Shea | Substitute Lifeguard | \$8.50 per hour |
| Robert Teng | Substitute Lifeguard | \$8.50 per hour |
| Logan Flynn | Substitute Lifeguard | \$8.50 per hour |
| Sophia Pereira | Substitute Lifeguard | \$8.50 per hour |
| Samantha Chin | Substitute Lifeguard | \$8.50 per hour |
| Michael Florio | Substitute Lifeguard | \$8.50 per hour |
| Katie Eidschun | Gate Person | \$8.40 per hour |

Be It Further Resolved that Samantha Yates be transferred from Gate Person to Lifeguard at a rate of \$8.75 per hour.

Resolution 15-220

Amend Start Date – Summer Intern

Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the start date of Summer Intern Tyler Yaccarino is hereby amended to June 29, 2015.

Authorization to Pay Bills

On a motion by Councilman Strauch, seconded by Councilman Bernstein, Resolution 15-221 was offered for approval.

On Roll Call: Aye – Bernstein, Sasso, Strauch, and Wilczynski
Absent – Homan and McSwiggan.

Resolution 15-221

List of Bills

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 June 25, 2015 in the amounts of: \$143,380.93 Water Fund and \$1,558,557.59 Current Fund

Public Comment on any agenda item:

There were no comments from the public

Proclamations:

Mayor White read the following proclamation:

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related death among women and is the deadliest of gynecologic cancers; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that in the United States this year, 21,980 women (1 in 72) will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer, and approximately 14,270 women will die of this disease; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the symptoms of ovarian cancer is essential to early diagnosis and effective treatment; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of ovarian cancer include abdominal/pelvic pain, bloating, difficulty eating, and urinary frequency; and

WHEREAS, due to a lack of early symptoms and effective screening tests, ovarian cancer often is diagnosed at an advanced stage; and

WHEREAS, The Allendale Woman's Club an Allendale-based all-volunteer nonprofit, works to increase awareness of the symptoms and risk factors for ovarian cancer, advocates for effective ovarian cancer screening tests and treatments, and supports women and those affected by ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that those affected by ovarian cancer have affordable access to healthcare to prevent, detect, treat, and ultimately defeat ovarian cancer and all cancers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elizabeth White, do hereby recognize September 2015 as OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in our Borough of Allendale, NJ, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

Mayor White presented the proclamation to Dawn Davis, Co-President of the Allendale Woman's Club, who was in the audience.

Mayor White then read the following proclamation:

Day of Remembrance for Women and Girls Who Are Victims of Honor Violence

WHEREAS in the United States, honor violence is a crime that goes unnoticed and unrecognized; and

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WHEREAS women and girls are mutilated, beaten, burned with acid and murdered within our own communities, but it is all too often overlooked; and

WHEREAS, girls are abused due to a family that feels their honor is “tarnished” by their daughter acting or dressing too Western, having rumors spread about her, refusing to participate in a marriage and merely for looking at a boy; and

WHEREAS, a family’s “honor” is determined by the value of a daughter; and

WHEREAS this violence does not just happen overseas, in recent years honor killings have taken place in the United States as well, victims murdered for honor in such places as St. Louis, Missouri, Texas, Arizona and New York; and

WHEREAS Karma Nirvana is working diligently to raise awareness about such horrific human rights abuses and has partnered with other organizations such as Honor Diaries to raise awareness beyond borders and cultures; and

WHEREAS by creating a Day of Remembrance we are determined to leave a legacy here in the United States by petitioning for those victims; and

WHEREAS the United Kingdom will remember and honor those victims at their second annual National Day of Remembrance on the 14th day of July 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Elizabeth White and the Allendale Borough Council, recognize in the Town of Allendale NJ, the 14th of July as a Day of Remembrance for Women and Girls Killed in the Name of Honor in solidarity.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business

New Business:

There was no new business

Council Committee Reports and Comments

Councilman Bernstein – Administration, Finance and Human Resources

Administration, Finance and Human Resources met yesterday, we are addressing many issues, and the departments are in good shape. Just a comment to all Council Members to remind their department heads to adhere to the purchase order procedure. If anyone has any questions they should ask Lissa Mayer, CFO.

For Councilwoman Homan; the public safety meeting went well, we are covering a lot of ground, more time is needed to address the background check ordinance. The committee is doing a good job, he applauds Councilwoman Homan for what she is doing, and all is in good shape.

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Councilman Strauch - Land Use and Construction Code

The Councilman commended the Police Department's handling of the rolling signs with limited space and good locations, it is a great effort by the police and public safety committee.

Councilman Bernstein concurred, Councilman Sasso noted the congratulations to the graduates and Councilman Strauch mentioned the turtle crossing sign each year.

The Councilman did not attend the weekly meeting of the building department, Land Use committee will be meeting July 6th. He will do his best to attend the July 9th Mayor and Council meeting.

Councilwoman Wilczynski – Facilities, Parks and Recreation

A lot of what happened at the lake was covered earlier. She thanked the staff at Crestwood Lake, who got everyone to do a human chain across the lake to look for a child, everyone holds hands and walks through the lake. Tom Viscardi, Lake Director did a great job. She commended the two young boys who reported the missing boy, thankfully the boy was home and all was alright.

The Councilwoman attended the Mayors meeting with Council President Bernstein in the Mayor's absence. The topic was deer management, everyone agreed it was a growing problem, car accidents have increased there has been 25 in Saddle River. They need to take action and they are looking at certain parcels of land. Councilman Strauch noted that when Connecticut implemented their deer management program there was a reduction in Lyme disease as well. Councilwoman Wilczynski agreed and also noted that the vegetation is being wiped out which is not good for the deer either. Mayor White commented that the county is also working on something, Councilman Bernstein commented that it won't work if only one town responds, there are differences of opinion as to how, but it needs to be done.

Lake events have been a success, movie nights are great. The first date for the U2 Nation Concert and barbeque was rained out, we have a rain date for this Saturday. Councilman Sasso added that if it rains again the band has agreed to a second rain date.

Councilman Sasso - Public Works

The Department of Public Works committee met Tuesday. He was at the West Crescent site, which closed today. He spoke to the police there, and is happy with the contractor and signage. The contract with Rockland County Solid Waste for our recyclables has good terms and is an extension of what we have been doing.

Mayor White announced that the County has agreed to the improvements at the intersection of Franklin and Orchard. Heading north there will be a lane for going straight and a left turn lane. There will also be an advanced green for turning. It should take about two weeks, the team is scheduled to start next week. The improvements are not a permanent fix to the intersection, but will help to alleviate traffic during the West Crescent closure. The issue of this intersection was brought to a head at the West Crescent public meeting.

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Staff Reports:

Raymond Wiss, Municipal Attorney, reported that in addition to working on some of the agenda items tonight, the firm is spending the majority of their time on the COAH matters for Allendale.

Debbie Fehre, Interim Municipal Clerk, all is well, there is a short list of items that must be done shortly.

Thomas Smith, Fire Chief, reported that they had 16 calls in May, he submitted his report to all earlier. In connection with the incident at Crestwood Lake; he thanked Northwest Bergen Mutual Aid, the Mahwah Dive Team, and the Oradell Dive Team which is outside their mutual aid, but they respond with Mahwah. They have cameras and all the equipment necessary. The County doesn't have a dive team anymore, nor does Oakland. We needed the team, one person, as a diver, cannot do the search.

Public Comment on any issue

There were no comments from the public

Adjournment:

On a motion by Councilman Bernstein, seconded by Councilman Sasso, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Deborah Fehre, RMC
Interim Municipal Clerk