

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

A Work Session of the Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor White.

Mrs. Fehre announced that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act were met by the required postings and notice to publications. In addition, this evening's meeting is being recorded.

The following individuals answered roll call: Council members Bernstein, Sasso, Strauch, Wilczynski and Mayor White. Mrs. Homan and Mrs. McSwiggan were absent. Ms. Fehre and Mr. Wiss were also present.

Public Comments

Dawn Davis, a resident of Ramsey, and a member of the Allendale Woman's Club asked about the status of the club's request to "Turn the Town Teal" during the month of September to raise awareness of ovarian cancer. Under this program teal ribbons will be tied to trees throughout the municipality to bring attention to this disease which is the fifth leading cause of cancer deaths among women.

Mayor White thanked the Woman's Club for all they do for the Borough of Allendale and stated that the item is on the agenda this evening and she was certain the Council would look favorably upon its approval.

Agenda Review

Ordinance 15-19 to Amend and Supplement the 2015 Salary Ordinance

Mayor White said this will be the second reading as well as the public hearing for Ordinance 15-19. This ordinance establishes the position of CCO inspector and sets forth the minimum and maximum salary requirements for that position.

Ordinance 15-20 to Implement Criminal History Record Background Checks

Councilman Bernstein said he will make a motion during the Regular Session to carry this ordinance to the meeting of July 9th because the ordinance is still being discussed in committee.

Resolution 15-206 Change Order No. 3 to D&L Contractors

This resolution is a change order for D&L Contractors for work being done on West Allendale Avenue, Ivers Road, Central Avenue and Erie Plaza. It includes an increase to the contract in the amount of \$515.63 for additional inlet repairs and actual quantities of work measured and performed. It also includes payment number three from their contract.

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Resolution 15-207 Approval of Tax Appeal and Settlement for Black Mill Work Co. v. Allendale

Mayor White stated that this resolution is being presented on the advice of Allendale's Tax Assessor and Tax Attorney. Mrs. White believes this is a fair settlement and she is pleased to see the situation being resolved.

Resolution 15-208 Authorization to Receive Bids on the New Street Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

This resolution authorizes bidding on the New Street Water Treatment Plant upgrade. The New Street Water Plant handles three different wells and the equipment at that location is over twenty-five years old. Money is available in the capital budget to pay for the upgrading of this equipment.

Resolution 15-209 Awarding the Contract of ADA Improvements at Borough Hall to Goodwin Construction Services

Mayor White said this is the second time that bids have been taken for this project. She noted that Goodwin Construction Services has an excellent record for their handling of ADA projects.

Resolution 15-212 Appointment of CCO Inspector

This resolution appoints Fred W. Depkin as a part-time CCO inspector effective from June 26 through December 31, 2015 at an annual salary of \$5,000 which will be prorated for the months he is working. Mayor White said Mr. Depkin has a great reputation and this position will be a benefit to residential property owners who are selling their homes.

Resolution 15-214 Authorizing the Filing of a Declaratory Judgment for Mt. Laurel Compliance

This resolution authorizes the filing of a declaratory judgment for the Third Round of Mt. Laurel. Mayor White commented that she, Mr. Wiss, Mrs. McSwiggan, Ms. Lonergan and Mr. Snieckus have done a lot of preparation in order to get this judgment filed.

Mrs. White stated that Allendale was one of only sixty municipalities statewide that filed for COAH's third round obligations. In addition, Allendale is one of the only municipalities in the state that built the housing units that they promised to build. For these reasons it is hoped that the courts will look favorably on Allendale's application.

Mr. Wiss said the complaint and motion must be filed before July 8th but there is no guidance as to what the judge in Bergen County or any judge statewide will be doing with that material thereafter. The Supreme Court sent the issue back to the trial courts to be sorted out. Mr. Wiss stated that there is a voluminous amount of paperwork that must be pulled together before the deadline. That information includes sample declaratory judgment actions and sample documents that have to be intertwined with the history of Mt. Laurel in Allendale. Next week the draft

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pleadings will be circulated internally with the intention of filing with the court on July 7th.

Mr. Wiss noted that the court must first determine the methodology that will apply in calculating the fair share number. It is not known whether this will be done on a municipality by municipality basis or a county by county basis or if there is a statewide formula that will require the judges in each of the counties to decide on a methodology. Once the methodology is decided it will have to be determined how it will be applied to all of the municipalities across the state. He concluded by saying that it is a very complex process.

Mrs. White thanked Mr. Wiss, Mr. Bouregy and Ms. Lonergan for all the time they have spent on this issue. She said that Allendale has always been on the forefront of COAH and hopefully its dedication will be recognized.

Resolution 15-215 Authorization of Liquor License Renewal

Mrs. Fehre stated that three liquor license applicants will be approved this evening with the other three to be scheduled for approval in the next few weeks. All establishments have met their local compliance obligations however, and the State of New Jersey has extended its deadline until September 18th.

Resolution 15-216 Opposition to the Municipal User Friendly Budget

Mrs. White said this resolution was written in opposition to the User Friendly Budget. New Jersey municipalities were mandated by the state to move forward on the User Friendly Budget which took Allendale's CFO a week to upload on the Borough's website. She added that this unfunded new mandate takes an excessive amount of time and Resolution 15-216 reflects Allendale's opposition to it.

Resolution 15-217 Approval of the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority for Recyclable Materials

This resolution allows Allendale's recycling contract with Rockland County to expire at the same time as the expiration of the solid waste contract.

Resolution 15-218 Review of Annual Audit

Mayor White explained that as in the past, the Council members need to certify that they have reviewed, at a minimum, the Comments and Recommendations section of the Annual Audit. She thanked Mrs. Mayer and Mr. Ferraioli for their ongoing financial leadership and noted that the few recommendations on the Audit do not concern the Finance Office.

Mr. Bernstein noted that the recommendations have all been addressed and are being attended to.

Mrs. White said Mrs. Mayer anticipates having the Corrective Action Plan available for the second meeting in July.

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Proclamations

Mayor White stated that there are two proclamations on this evening's agenda. One has to do with ovarian cancer awareness month in September. The other concerns "honor" violence. This violence to women occurs when a family feels a woman's reputation had been tarnished by behavior that in not in keeping with their traditions.

Mayor's Report

Mayor White thanked Lake Director, Tom Viscardi, his employees, the patrons of the Lake, the Police Department, the Fire Department and the Ambulance Corps for their help last evening. A child who had been reported as possibly missing was found safe after having left the Lake. She stated that

the children who reported him missing did the right thing.

Mrs. White said she was very proud of all the individuals who responded last night. This morning a debriefing was held to review last night's situation and although it was not a drill, the experience proved to be a valuable one that was well organized and respectful.

Mayor White said an interim Library Director, Mary Romance started working today. She has a great deal of experience and the Library Board is delighted to have her leadership while they search for a permanent director.

A department head meeting will be held tomorrow morning.

On a motion by Mr. Sasso, seconded by Mr. Strauch, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Fehre
Interim Municipal Clerk