

September 22, 2011

A regular meeting of the Borough Council was held in the Municipal Building on August 25, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 8:08 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, Ms. LaMonica, Mr. Schoepflin, Mr. Strauch, Mrs. White, Mrs. Wilczynski and Mayor Barra. Also present were Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. Bole.

Minutes

Mr. Strauch moved, seconded by Mrs. White to approve the Regular Session minutes of September 22, 2011. On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Public Hearings for Advertised Ordinances

Ordinance 11-13

Mr. Barra opened the meeting to the public for comments on Ordinance 11-13.

Olga McCaffery of 19 Valley Road said many senior citizens don't use the minimum amount of water and it is difficult to have another rate raise at this time. All of the incremental increases add up.

When she had her bathrooms redone a few years ago she had water savers installed. She believes she is paying more for water than she should as senior citizen. She feels that the rates are increasing far too often and perhaps a five year rate plan should be established. Mrs. McCaffery said she never realized that the commercial establishments have a different rate schedule than the residents.

Mr. Barra said there is a special provision in our code to for a discounted senior water rate, but you must qualify financially for it.

Mrs. McCaffery asked the status of the water tower that was previously proposed.

Mr. Barra responded that the existing water tower has a much longer life expectancy than originally expected. The existing tank will be refurbished instead of replaced which will be a dramatic cost savings for the town. Mayor Barra said the DEP requirements have made water much more costly. In the last four years United Water rates have increased 47%.

Mr. Barra said the Council is aware of the financial issues of the residents and the municipal portion of the taxes have remained the same or very close to the same for two years.

Ms. LaMonica stated that the Water Utility cannot make a profit so no extra revenue is being generated to make money for the town.

Mr. Schoepflin said that the last year's purchase of water from United Water was 24% of Allendale's budget.

Mr. Bernstein asked if Allendale is making an adequate reduction in costs for the seniors.

Mr. Barra said the Council would reexamine the guidelines and see if the income limits should be adjusted.

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Public Comments

Mr. Barra opened the meeting to the public for comments. When there were none, the meeting was closed to the public.

Presentation of Proclamations, Petitions and Other Communications

Proclamation for Keith Cauwenberghs

Mr. Barra stated that it was his privilege to issue a proclamation to Keith Cauwenberghs honoring his forty years of employment with Allendale. He said when they made the decision in the latter part of 2007 to create the new position of Director of Operations they had no concerns that the restructure would be a success. Mr. Cauwenberghs needed to be recognized for what he had done in the past to what he will accomplish in the future. Mayor Barra read the following proclamation:

Whereas, Keith Cauwenberghs was born in Allendale
and it has always remained his home,

Whereas, on September 20, 1971, when he was nineteen years old,
Keith was hired to work for the Borough of Allendale,

Whereas, on February 9, 1989, Keith was promoted
to the position of Foreman of Roads and Grounds,

Whereas, in September of 1997 Keith became a
Certified Public Works Manager,

Whereas, on April 16, 1997, Keith was promoted to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Works,

Whereas, on November 25, 2002, Keith was appointed to the Advisory Board of the Public Works Association of New Jersey,

Whereas, in 2004, the American Public Works Association selected Keith to receive the Joseph Maher award for his contributions to Public Works,

Whereas, Keith served as President of the Public Works Association of New Jersey from 2008-2009,

Whereas, in February of 2008, Keith was selected as the Director of Operations for the Borough of Allendale,

Whereas, Keith was named Person of the Year for the Public Works Association of New Jersey in 2009,

Whereas, Keith has served with the Allendale Volunteer Fire Department for over forty years and has been a member of the Allendale Shade Tree Commission for eight years,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that I, Vince Barra, on behalf of the Council of the Borough of Allendale, thank Keith Cauwenberghs for forty years of outstanding service to the Borough of Allendale.

Proclamation for Adam Keeble

Mayor Barra announced that there is another proclamation for Adam Keeble which he will present at the Library Board of Trustees meeting to Adam.

Whereas, Adam Keeble was appointed to the Library Board of Trustees in February of 2007,

Whereas, Adam was selected to be the Secretary of the Board from 2007-2010,

Whereas, Adam was chosen to be the President of the Board in 2011,

Whereas, Adam served as the Borough of Allendale's Representative at the 2011 meeting of the New Jersey Library Trustees Association,

Whereas, Adam was instrumental in the development of the strategic plan for the Allendale Public Library,

Whereas, Adam is the author of the Parenting book, “Don’t Put Baby In The Corner,”

Whereas, Adam is a man who values books and Libraries and has done his best to promote the library in the town in which he lives,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that I, Vince Barra, on behalf of the Council of the Borough of Allendale thank Adam Keeble for his leadership of the Lee Memorial Library and his years of service in support of its continued success.

Consent Agenda

Resolution 11-275 – Introduced by Mrs. White, seconded by Mr. Strauch

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 September 22, 2011.

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 11-276 – Introduced by Mrs. White, seconded by Mr. Strauch

Whereas, the Borough of Allendale is requesting funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Program.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that Council of the Borough of Allendale formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2012-Allendale Borough-00122 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Allendale.

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Allendale and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 11-277 – Introduced by Mrs. White, seconded by Mr. Strauch

Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the municipality of Allendale that application is made to the Commissioner of Transportation for aid under the New Jersey Trust Fund Authority Act for:

**West Allendale Avenue, Central Avenue and Erie Plaza project
FY 2012 Municipal Aid Program**

Whereas, the Council has determined that such application(s) should be prepared by Capital Alternatives Corporation, the grants specialists engaged by the municipality for assistance in such matters.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Capital Alternatives Corporation is authorized to prepare, assemble, and submit the necessary documentation on behalf of the municipality of Allendale for the stated project(s).

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 11-278 – Introduced by Mrs. White, seconded by Mr. Strauch

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the following individual is hereby appointed as a Dispatcher as follows:

Name	Position	Start Date	Rate of Pay
James R. Haggar	Part-time fill in dispatcher	September 25, 2011	\$15.00/hour

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 11-279 – Introduced by Mrs. White, seconded by Mr. Strauch

Whereas, the Engineer has requested that certain changes are needed in the contract for 2010 Road Resurfacing Program,

Whereas, a net decrease of \$6,906.68 will result from the following items:

- Reconcile finished contract quantities, and
- Authorize additional work on Cottage Place and 129 Schuyler Road to correct work performed by others, and;
- Authorize additional inlet curb piece replacements on Schuyler Road.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Change Order Number Two resulting in a decrease of approximately \$6,906.68 be approved for 2010 Road Resurfacing Program. Accounting for all change orders to date, the original contract amount of \$350,672.72 has been reduced by \$13,973.75 to \$336,698.47.

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 11-280 – Introduced by Mrs. White, seconded by Mr. Strauch

Whereas, the Engineer has requested that certain changes are needed in the contract for Chestnut Street Roadway Improvements, and

Whereas, a net increase of \$5,860.99 to the contract will result from the following items:

- Reconcile as-built quantities or work with original contract quantities.
- Construct additional retaining walls at 41 and 49 Chestnut Street.
- Re-grade the gravel driveway at 50 Chestnut Street to provide the proper slope for vehicles, and
- Install a river stone gutter along the edges of pavement to arrest erosion and protect the roadway.

Whereas, this change is authorized by a certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Change Order Number Three resulting in an increase of approximately \$5,860.99 be approved for Chestnut Street Roadway Improvements. After considering all change orders to date, the original contract amount of \$176,477.15 has decreased \$7,439.24, or 4.22%, resulting in a new contract amount of \$169,037.91.

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 11-281 – Introduced by Mrs. White, seconded by Mr. Strauch

Be It Resolved, by the Council of the Borough of Allendale that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to reduce the 2011 tax levy due to County Board Judgments as follows:

104/15	Nowak, Barbara	\$3,965.25
701/7	Hoogendoorn, Joris	\$1,306.61
701/26	Kokoletsos, Nicole	\$2,092.18
801/41	Karvellas, Steven J.	\$6,965.90

904/14	Allendale Housing, Inc	\$8,082.80
1304/15	Malo, Jeffrey & Kristin	\$1,330.66
1809/1	Allendale LLC	\$4,435.52
2101/9 C0095	Grasso, John & Elizabeth	\$9,055.41
2103/18	Lockard Jr, James & Angie	\$513.02
2201.01/8	Hu, Hanping & Jun Lu	\$2,861.71
Total		\$40,609.06

Be It Further Resolved, by the Council of the Borough of Allendale that the Tax Collector is hereby Authorized to reduce the 2011 tax levy due to a State Tax Court Judgment as follows:

2003/10.02	Mohan, Gopal	\$2,169.66
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Be It Further Resolved, by the Council of the Borough of Allendale that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to reduce the 2011 tax levy due to a Veteran Deduction as follows:

Veteran Deductions

1102/5	Smith, Virginia	\$250.00
Total		\$250.00

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 11-282 – Introduced by Mrs. White, seconded by Mr. Strauch

Whereas, the Borough of Allendale approved Resolution #11-171 on May 12, 2011 which adopted Payment in Lieu of Taxes on the property assessed to Allendale Housing, Inc., at W. Crescent Avenue, Allendale, New Jersey, Block 904 Lots 10,11,12,13 & 31;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel real estate taxes assessed to the aforesaid property for the 3rd and 4th quarters 2011 in the amount of \$17,026.20.

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 11-283 – Introduced by Mrs. White, seconded by Mr. Strauch

Whereas, bids were received on September 7, 2011 for the project known as 2011 Allendale Road Resurfacing Program;

Whereas, seven bids were received;

Whereas, the bid documents have been reviewed and the lowest responsible, responsive bidder is Tilcon New York, Inc. of Wharton, New Jersey 07885;

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer has attached hereto a certification that adequate funds have been duly appropriated and budgeted to pay for the contract;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Governing Body that it does hereby award a contract for the above named project to Tilcon New York, Inc. of Wharton, New Jersey in the base bid amount of \$430,360, alternate A \$13,302 and alternate B \$4,200 for a total contract award of \$447,862;

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to sign a contract with the successful bidder following legal review;

Be It Further Resolved that the bid of the next low bidders, AJM and D&L Paving Contractors, Inc. be held pending execution of the contract with Tilcon New York, Inc.

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 11-284 – Introduced by Mrs. White, seconded by Mr. Strauch

Whereas, bids were taken on September 15, 2011 for the project known as Improvements to Powell Road and various streets;

Whereas, seven bids were received;

Whereas, the bid documents have been reviewed and Marini Brothers Construction Co., Inc. is the lowest responsible, responsive bidder;

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer has attached hereto a certification that adequate funds have been duly budgeted and appropriated to pay for the contract;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Governing Body that it does hereby award a contract to Marini Brothers Construction Co., Inc. of 9 Lafayette Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601 for the above mentioned project in the base bid amount of \$148,442 and alternate B \$88,000 for a total contract award of \$236,442;

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to sign a contract with the successful bidder following legal review;

Be It Further Resolved that the bid documents of D.R. Mullen Construction Co., Inc. of Oakland, New Jersey be held pending execution of the contract with Marini Brothers Construction Co., Inc.

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 11-285 – Introduced by Mrs. White, seconded by Mr. Strauch

Be It Resolved that the following individual is appointed to the named Board or Commission for the period specified:

NAME AND BOARD OR COMMISSION	TERM EXPIRES
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Library Board

Patricia Durso (To replace the unexpired term of Adam Keeble)	12/31/2012
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On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Patricia Durso was in attendance at the meeting and he administered the Oath of Office to her.

Committee Reports

Public Safety

Mr. Bernstein said the monthly Public Safety meeting was held this morning and a number of issues were discussed including the lack of a stop sign by Allendale Eats and several other issues. Sgt. Griffith, Traffic Officer was not present and these issues will be addressed in the near future.

Mr. Barra said a representative of Rockland Electric met with the Public Safety Committee earlier today to talk about preparedness for the hurricane. Rockland will work with them to remedy a situation that was raised at the last meeting about trees bringing power lines down on Crescent Avenue.

Public Works

Mrs. White said the Public Works Committee met this morning and they are anxious to get the Paving Project and the Powell Road Project underway.

She added that she wanted to thank Mr. Cauwenberghs because it has been her pleasure to work with him for the past years. He is a dedicated employee and the time he puts in is beyond compare.

Land Use and Construction Code

Mr. Strauch said there will be a meeting of the Land Use Committee on October 7th at which time they will continue to discuss the proposed changes to the D Zone. He will report back to the Council on that discussion at the October 13th meeting.

Water, Sewer and Public Utilities

Mr. Schoepflin said he is pleased that the Water Rate Ordinance was approved this evening and he thanked Ms. LaMonica and Mr. Barra for their help as members of the Water Committee.

Administration, Finance and Human Resources

Ms. LaMonica didn't have a report.

Facilities, Parks and Recreation

Mrs. Wilczynski said at the last meeting they discussed hurricane damage to the grandstand.

She also said she works closely with Mr. Cauwenberghs and it has always a pleasure to work with him. He taught her a lot in her first years on the Council.

Municipal Attorney

Mr. Bole did not have a report.

Administrative Officer/Municipal Clerk

Mrs. McCarthy thanked Mrs. Wilczynski for her help in getting the new lights for the Library. The quality of light in the Library is much improved over how it was in the past.

Director of Operations

Mr. Cauwenberghs said four trees were taken down by Bergen County Public Works today.

Mr. Cauwenberghs also thanked the current Council as well as previous Councils for helping him to shape his career. He is one of the few people who was actually born in Allendale and he is proud of that fact and of being a part of the Borough.

Public Comments

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

Mr. Strauch moved, seconded by Mrs. White to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen McCarthy
Municipal Clerk