

Work Session
Mayor and Council
September 27, 2012

A Work Session of the Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Barra who announced that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act were met by the required posting and notice to publications.

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

Public Comments

Mr. Barra opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Christopher Stock of Boy Scout Troop 59 in Allendale was present as part of a requirement for his Communications Merit Badge. Chris is a Freshman student at Northern Highlands.

Agenda Review

Ordinance 12-19 – Local Pay to Play Ordinance

Mr. Bole said the intent of this ordinance is to restrict the contributions that can be made by a business entity to a candidate for Borough Office. This ordinance is more restrictive than the State ordinance, and it restricts the amount of money allowed to be given to a PAC or a County Committee that could potentially be “wheeled back” to a local municipality. Contributions made prior to the date of adoption of this ordinance will not be counted against the contributor. The Fair and Open bidding process is not exempt from this ordinance as it is under the State Pay to Play regulations.

Resolution 12-271 – Naming of Borough Facility

Mayor Barra said the DPW Building will be renamed the “Cauwenberghs” building tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. Not only did Keith Cauwenberghs worked for the Department of Public Works for 41 years, but his father also worked there from 1948 until 1984. Peter L. Cauwenberghs was also the first DPW Superintendent in Allendale. Mrs. White showed the audience a banner that will be unveiled at the party for Mr. Cauwenberghs.

Administration

Storm Basins

Councilwoman White asked the community to help keep Allendale’s storm basins clear of leaves.

Street Sweeper

Councilwoman White said the Borough has a street sweeper that is over twenty years old as well as a shared services street sweeper. Neither sweeper is in good condition, but a replacement will cost \$250,000. The Borough does not have the additional money to purchase a new street sweeper at this time.

Since one of the primary uses of a street sweeper is to keep storm basins clear, Mrs. White reiterated her request for the community to aid the town by helping to clear any storm basins that are covered with leaves and other debris. There will also be an article about this topic in the next town newsletter.

Discussion of Best Practices Worksheet

Mayor Barra said the State requires all municipalities to fill out the Best Practices Worksheet every year. Allendale's CFO, Alissa Mayer primarily handles this project. Points are accumulated on a variety of topics and although Allendale's score has always been good, every year we strive to improve our score.

Millie Frykberg's 108th Birthday

Mayor Barra stated that Allendale resident Millie Frykberg is celebrating her 108th birthday today. She is a member of Guardian Angel Church and last year Mr. Barra had a luncheon with her on her 107th birthday. Ms. Frykberg lives with her daughter in town.

The Council gave Ms. Frykberg a round of applause.

Mayor's Report

Mr. Barra said the Bergen Mayors had a special tour of the World Trade Center today that was arranged by former Bergen County Executive Pat Schuber. Currently he is a Commissioner for the Port Authority.

The Mayors toured the museum that is under construction which may not be completed for several years.

The Mayors then went to the 84th floor of the tower which is the last floor that has been enclosed. They had the privilege of signing messages on the 84th floor, and Mr. Barra signed "Allendale, New Jersey" with today's date.

The Mayors concluded their visit by going to the memorial.

He stated that the building is an engineering marvel. The bottom twenty floors are made of concrete that is six to eight feet thick and is reinforced with steel girders. The building has a core which is made of six feet of encased concrete. The chief engineer who was responsible for the entire project joined them for a visit. He is the former Mayor of Park Ridge, New Jersey.

Mr. Barra announced the legal discussions scheduled for this evening will be postponed until the next meeting.

Mrs. McSwiggan encouraged members of the Council to visit the beautiful new addition to the Library which is located on the second floor of the Municipal Building.

On a motion by Mrs. White, seconded by Ms. LaMonica, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn to the Regular Session of the Council at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen McCarthy
Municipal Clerk