

October 25, 2012

A regular meeting of the Borough Council was held in the Municipal Building on October 25, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 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: Ms. LaMonica, Mrs. McSwiggan, Mr. Strauch, Mrs. White, Mrs. Wilczynski and Mayor Barra. Mr. Bernstein was absent. Also present were Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. Bole.

*Approval of Minutes*

Mrs. White moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilczynski, to approve the Work, Regular and Executive Session minutes of October 11, 2012. On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

*Public Comments*

Mayor Barra opened the meeting to the public for comments on agenda items.

There were none.

*Consent Agenda*

Resolution 12-280 – Introduced by Mr. Strauch, seconded by Ms. LaMonica

**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 October 25, 2012.

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 12-281 – Introduced by Mr. Strauch, seconded by Ms. LaMonica

See a copy of Resolution 12-281, attached and made a part hereof.

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 12-282 – Introduced by Mr. Strauch, seconded by Ms. LaMonica

**Whereas**, the tax payers, William and Mary Ellen Hartney, appealed the assessment levied on Block 303, Lot 5 for the year 2011; and

**Whereas**, the subject property's street address is 89 Bonnie Way; and

**Whereas**, the taxpayer, the appraiser and the assessor have agreed to compromise the appeal on the following terms: there will be a reduction in the 2011 assessment on the property from \$660,000 to \$640,000; 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 revised valuation is consistent with true value of the property.

**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 Hartney 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.

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 12-183 – Introduced by Mr. Strauch, seconded by Ms. LaMonica

**Be It Resolved** by the Governing Body that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to sign an updated Administrative Services Agreement provided by Nationwide Retirement Solutions regarding the Borough's Deferred Compensation Program.

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 12-284 – Introduced by Mr. Strauch, seconded by Ms. LaMonica

**Be It Resolved** by the Governing Body that the Acting Water Collector, M. Alissa Mayer, shall, effective October 1, 2012, be compensated in the amount of \$1,200.00 per month for her services in connection with the Allendale Water Department;

**Be It Further Resolved** that such compensation shall remain in effect indefinitely until further Resolution of the Governing Body.

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

### *Committee Reports*

#### Water and Sewer

Mrs. McSwiggan said the proposals are being reviewed for the outsourcing of the Water Department. They will be announcing the entity that they hope to be working with on November

1, 2012. The figures had wide ranges in the numbers but they were pleased with the proposals that they received.

#### Public Safety

Mr. Bernstein was absent.

#### Land Use and Construction Code

Mr. Strauch did not have a report.

#### Public Works

Mrs. White said William Ziegelhoffer, one of the DPW Crew Chiefs will be graduating on November 1<sup>st</sup> from the Certified Public Works Managers program. Layne Simon, another Crew Chief will also be attending the courses. She stated that Allendale is fortunate to have employees who are willing to take classes to improve their job competency. She added that the Department is doing a great job taking over after Mr. Cauwenberghs retired. The Committee has interviewed candidates for the Position of Director of Operations/Engineer and hopefully they will reach a decision soon.

#### Personnel, Finance and Human Resoutces

Ms. LaMonica said her Committee met this week.

#### Facilities, Parks and Recreation

Mrs. Wilczynski said the next meeting of her Committee will be November 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### Municipal Attorney

Mr. Bole said he would have a report in Executive Session.

#### Municipal Clerk

Mrs. McCarthy said she has received a large number of calls with regard to the General Election and she anticipates a large voter turnout.

She also stated that the third graders are doing their reports about different buildings and job responsibilities in the Borough of Allendale.

On a motion by Mrs. White, seconded by Ms. LaMonica, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Mrs. McCarthy read the following resolution into the record:

**Whereas**, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**Whereas**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist, and

**Whereas**, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

Litigation

Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the public be excluded from this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen McCarthy  
Municipal Clerk