

November 21, 2011

A regular meeting of the Borough Council was held in the Municipal Building on November 10, 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: Ms. LaMonica, Mr. Schoepflin, Mr. Strauch, Mrs. White, Mrs. Wilczynski and Mayor Barra. Also present were Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. Bole.

Minutes

Mrs. White moved, seconded by Mr. Strauch, to approve the minutes from October 13, October 27 and November 10, 2011. On roll call Mrs. White and Mr. Strauch voted in favor; Mr. Schoepflin voted in favor of October 27 and November 10 but abstained on October 13; Ms. LaMonica and Mrs. Wilczynski voted in favor of October 13 and 27 but abstained on the minutes of November 10.

Consent Agenda

Resolution 11-321 – 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 November 21, 2011.

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 11-322 – Introduced by Mr. Strauch, seconded by Ms. LaMonica

Be It Resolved by the Council of the Borough of Allendale that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue the following checks on the properties listed below and charge same to Overpayment of 2011 Taxes:

2011

Block/ Lot	Name		Amount
Property Location			
507/15	Corelogic C/O Chase Refund Dept 1 Core Logic Drive Westlake, TX 76262	95 Knollton Road	\$2,965.60

Adkins

2204/10 Mark & Laura Impomeni 45 New Street \$2,767.54
45 New Street
Allendale, NJ 07401

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 11-325 – Introduced by Mr. Strauch, seconded by Ms. LaMonica

Whereas, litigation is pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen County, bearing docket number BER-L-007778-11, entitled *Bozzi v. Allendale, et als.* (“the litigation”), which litigation involves Open Public Records Act matters;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Governing Body that it does hereby authorize and approve a settlement in the above referenced litigation substantially based upon the terms and conditions of a proposed consent order currently on file with the Office of the Municipal Clerk;

Be It Further Resolved that the Municipal Attorney is authorized to execute the consent order on behalf of the Borough and Records Custodian for purposes of resolving said litigation.

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 11-326 – Introduced by Mr. Strauch, seconded by Ms. LaMonica

Whereas, Budget Transfers are permitted during the last two months of the current year and the first three months of the following year;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale that the following transfers be made between the 2011 Budget Appropriations:

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT NUMBER	FROM	TO
Administration, O.E.	1-01-20-100-063	\$3,000.00	
Fire, OE	1-01-25-255-102		\$3,000.00
Crestwood, S&W	1-01-28-371-012	\$20,000.00	
Garbage & Trash Removal, OE	1-01-26-305-029		\$20,000.00
Planning & Zoning, OE	1-01-21-180-063	\$500.00	
Construction Code/Bldg. OE	1-01-22-195-053		\$500.00
Total Transfers		\$23,500.00	\$23,500.00

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 11-327 – Introduced by Mr. Strauch, seconded by Ms. LaMonica

Whereas, the utility payers listed below have been found to have their utility bill reduced by the amount shown, and

Whereas, these adjustments are due to an estimated bill, incorrectly reported water usage or incorrect readings,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Council of the Borough of Allendale that these adjustments be granted, with no money refunded, to the following utility bill payers:

Name	Account	Amount
Muhammad	4321	\$129.04
Lanouette	1237	\$6.10
Senchak	3735	\$714.90
Finn	1954	\$3,657.20

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Resolution 11-328 – Introduced by Mr. Strauch, seconded by Ms. LaMonica

Whereas, bids were received for the project known as Removal and Installation of Baseball Field Backstop Fencing and Base Path Fencing;

Whereas, the bid documents have been reviewed and it appears that Quality Fence of Peekskill, Inc. is the lowest responsible, responsive bidder;

Whereas, the bid of Anchor Fence Contractors, Inc. is non-responsive since it did not visit the site after the bid specifications were issued and did not obtain a proper site visit acknowledgment form;

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

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Governing Body that it does hereby award a contract to Quality Fence of Peekskill, Inc., 1223 Lincoln Terrace, Peekskill, New York 10566 for the black vinyl coated fence in lieu of galvanized fence in the amount of \$79,452;

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to execute a contract following legal review;

Be It Further Resolved that the bid document of the next low bidder, National Fence Systems, be held pending execution of the contract with the successful bidder.

On roll call, all Council members voted in favor.

Committee Reports

Public Safety

Mr. Bernstein was absent.

Public Works

Mrs. White thanked the DPW for working non-stop to pick up the debris from the Halloween storm. They have worked almost seven days a week and have done an outstanding job. They have put in a lot of overtime, and have been very committed to what they were doing. She can't believe the end of this project is in sight. The workers have struggled and succeeded and what they have accomplished is amazing.

Mayor Barra said she was absolutely right. In some towns the debris makes the roads nearly unable to be used. He agreed that the men have done a phenomenal job.

Land Use and Construction Code

Mr. Strauch said the Planning Board had its first meeting addressing a review of the D Zone. It went well and there was thoughtful discussion. Due to the holiday schedule the Planning Board may need a bit more time to offer a recommendation.

The next Land Use Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 2nd at 7:30 a.m. at the Borough Hall.

Water, Sewer and Public Utilities

Mr. Schoepflin said an under billing was found regarding the Allendale Nursing Home. The issue will be followed up on and it could have a favorable impact on next year's budget.

A further adjustment may have to be made in Allendale's Water rates.

The next meeting of the Water Committee will be on December 14th.

Mr. Barra said he has met with the Sewer Authority and has been pushing Allendale's billing issues. Allendale will be receiving a \$93,318 refund from the Sewer Authority. He thanked Mr. Schoepflin for his help with this matter. Also Allendale will probably have a decrease in sewer charges in 2012 of 1.61%. Starting in 2013 there will be average reductions of approximately 2% in the Sewer Authority budget which will extend through 2016 because of a significant reduction in debt service.

Administration, Finance and Human Resources

Ms. LaMonica reported that the next meeting of her Committee will be November 22nd.

Facilities, Parks and Recreation

Mrs. Wilczynski said the grandstand will hopefully be completed in the next few weeks. Also grandstand repair is still being completed from Hurricane Irene.

Also if people have noticed activity at Orchard Common Park it is because landscaping is being repaired with grant money.

Mrs. Wilczynski also thanked the DPW for the great job they have done.

Municipal Attorney

Mr. Bole did not have a report.

Administrative Officer/Municipal Clerk

Mrs. McCarthy said Mrs. Mayer asked her to thank Mrs. Palmer for her additional help in making sure everything has operated smoothly in the absence of Ms. Donnelly.

Mayor Barra noted that the staff is always helpful in covering for others when a staff member is away from work.

Public Comments

Mr. John Cromie thanked the Council for their help in resolving the fencing issue. He asked to clarify if all new fencing would be located where the previous fencing was.

Mrs. Wilczynski said yes, the fencing will be located in the same area but the final product will likely be five feet further in than it is right now.

There isn't a date for the preconstruction meeting but when it is established she will contact Mr. Cromie.

Mr. Strauch moved, seconded by Mrs. White to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen McCarthy
Municipal Clerk