

Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2017

PRESENT: Mayor Elizabeth White and Councilmembers Ari Bernstein, Jackie McSwiggan, Steve Sasso, Jim Strauch and Amy Wilczynski

ABSENT: Councilmember Liz Homan

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Attorney Raymond Wiss
Municipal Clerk Anne Dodd

A Regular Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale was held in the Municipal Building at 500 West Crescent Avenue, Allendale, NJ on April 6, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor White who asked that the Municipal Clerk read the open public meetings statement: "In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the notice requirements have been satisfied. The meeting dates for the year are confirmed at the Annual Meeting, are posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building, published in the Record within the first 10 days of the New Year, and copies are sent to the Ridgewood News and Star Ledger."

The Mayor led those present in a salute to the flag.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Councilman Bernstein, second by Councilman Strauch, that the Minutes of March 23, 2017 Work Session and March 23, 2017 Regular Session are approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilman Bernstein:	aye	Councilman Sasso:	abstain
Councilwoman Homan:	absent	Councilman Strauch:	aye
Councilwoman McSwiggan:	aye	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

Public Comment

In continuation of the discussion on field usage, Councilwoman Wilczynski advised that as per past practice and the field use policy, outside groups have never been permitted to use the fields. She noted that Upper Saddle River (USR) has the same policy in place and if the roles were reversed, they would not allow this team to play on their fields. She stressed that they are simply following the policy that has been in place for over 10 years.

Mayor White explained that, when she first began on Council, Mayor Barra requested that she look at ways to improve the condition of the fields, and as a result, the Allendale Sports Association (ASA) was established. She expressed her opinion that they have done a great job and noted that when they were first established, this field usage policy was implemented.

Councilwoman McSwiggan inquired whether the towns involved in the travel softball program have softball teams of their own. She further inquired whether the parents who joined USR have had a conversation with Allendale Travel Baseball (ATB) and USR boards about combining.

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Alexander Orr, 49 Harreton Road, responded that the towns did not have their own softball teams, but reiterated that Ho-Ho-Kus permitted use of their fields while the team was still considered an Allendale 501(c)3 team.

Ori Yacobi, 191 Park Avenue, advised that there was a round table discussion in the fall to discuss the notion of a Highlands Travel Baseball team but it did not work out. As there were no teams at the 10U level or below, he explained that the families involved jumped at the opportunity when USR opened their team up to include Allendale children.

Mayor White questioned whether USR advised that Allendale fields would be needed at the time that the Allendale families joined their team.

Mr. Yacobi commented that it is not a matter of not having fields within USR on which to play, but rather, the parents wanting access to Allendale fields as taxpayers.

Mayor White noted that as chair of the Facilities, Park and Recreation Committee, Councilwoman Wilczynski has ensured that the fields remain playable and that the use of fields is equitable.

Rich Mohr, 95 New Street, expressed his opinion that the town should be proud of the adult team that plays through Allendale Travel Baseball (ATB) and advised that there are 10 players involved who are Allendale residents.

Tony Ven Graitis, 160 MacIntyre Lane, noted that the younger players look up to the adult team.

Mr. Mohr commented that although they did not have many players at the lower levels, there is nothing to prevent the 9U and 10U levels from playing together, allowing them to continue to play under Allendale Travel Baseball.

Mr. Ven Graitis acknowledged that there are issues with numbers at the lower level and advised that they had discussed the possibility of merging with USR but USR declined. He further advised that they requested that any spillover from USR be sent to ATB to help supplement teams at the lower level but USR refused. He expressed his opinion that the way the 27 families involved handled this matter was wrong.

Jason Sammarco, 78 Heather Court, explained that although he is a proud coach in ATB and loves the program, his younger son did not have the opportunity to play. He remarked that having the younger children play with the older children poses a safety hazard. He commented that he just wants the children to be able to play and expressed his opinion that when there is not a conflict with the use of the field, these teams should be permitted to play in Allendale.

Tony Ven Graitis, 160 MacIntyre Lane, advised that ATB is working for the best interest of the children and they were willing to make teams with a range of ages.

Danielle Gawrysiak, 215 Franklin Turnpike, stated that her son sat the bench when playing for ATB as there were too many children on the team. She commented that the children were also placed in unsafe positions. She expressed her belief that as an Allendale resident, it is her right to use Allendale fields.

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Patrick Gawrysiak, 215 Franklin Turnpike, advised that he contacted Richard Mohr several times to voice his concerns with ATB but did not receive a response. He noted that the cost to play on ATB is very high and the equipment and uniforms received in return are not acceptable.

Mayor White noted that the Council is only here to address the field use matter. She directed those who have issues with ATB to address their issues to the board. Councilman Bernstein inquired how those with concerns can voice them to the board.

Rich Mohr, 95 New Street, responded that each head coach has a place on the board and instructed those with issues to discuss them with their head coach who should, in turn, bring them to the board.

Councilman Bernstein inquired whether there is a charter and rules and regulations in place that govern the ATB. He further inquired to whom the ATB reports.

Mr. Mohr expressed his belief that the rules and regulations are posted to the website. Mayor White advised that the ATB is a self-governing board and it is the responsibility of the board and its membership to police it.

Chris Kunisch, 175 Park Avenue, expressed his opinion that the fields get plenty of rest and he has an issue with 27 families being told that they cannot use the fields. He expressed his hope that a resolution can be reached.

Nathaniel Weinberger, 17 Knollton Road, expressed that something has happened to ATB over time and people have lost sight of what a 501(c)3 is about. He expressed that residents are in need of something new and fresh.

Tim Cagney, 11 Beresford Road, President of Allendale Recreation, advised that the rules and regulations of the field usage policy have to be followed. He commented that he would like to see Allendale, Ho-Ho-Kus, and Upper Saddle River work together. He expressed that the children are more than welcome to play through Allendale Recreation.

Natalie Saadi, 16 Heights Road, remarked that the families who left ATB did so in the best of interest of their children. She expressed her belief that the 27 families should be permitted to play in Allendale as they represent this town and should feel pride in doing so.

Ori Yacoby, 191 Park Avenue, stated that he attempted to put a team together through ATB but the options were to either have an overpopulated team or no team at all. He requested that the Mayor and Council make an exception to the policy while the USR program transitions to becoming a Highlands Travel Baseball program.

Councilwoman McSwiggan questioned whether they are in active talks with USR to transform this program into a Highlands Travel Baseball program. Councilman Bernstein expressed his opinion that if they are to become a Highlands team, it should be comprised of all sending districts.

Mr. Yacobi responded that they have already outlined who the board members will be and the goal is for it be a Highlands program by next year.

Susanne Lovisolo, 180 Schuyler Road, inquired whether the use of fields would be permitted once they become a combined team.

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Councilwoman McSwiggan responded that Council will need to look into the matter further.

Marc Oehler, 51 Valley Road, questioned whether Highlands Travel Softball is permitted to use Allendale fields.

Councilwoman Wilczynski confirmed that they are able to use the fields.

Rich Wilczynski, 6 New Street, explained that he is an Allendale resident who has had children play for ATB and noted that he has been on the ATB board in the past. He expressed his opinion that 27 families seem like enough to play through ATB and he commented that the board is always open to hearing any issues that the members may have.

Danielle Gawrysiak, 215 Franklin Turnpike, inquired what the avenue would be to meet with the ASA to request permission to use the fields. She noted that she searched for minutes but cannot find them. She questioned how this program would differ from football which is permitted to use the fields.

Councilwoman Wilczynski responded that this program would have to form a proper charter and then approach the ASA to be formally recognized.

Mayor White directed Ms. Gawrysiak to work with Councilwoman Wilczynski, Chair of the Facilities, Parks and Recreation Committee, who will advise her when the ASA will have their next meeting.

Tim Cagney, 11 Beresford Road, President of the Allendale Recreation Commission, explained that one cannot compare football to travel baseball as football is a part of the Recreation program and all who want to play are permitted to play. In travel baseball, children can be cut from the team.

Public Hearings for Advertised Ordinances:

Ordinances 17-07

The Municipal Clerk read into the record:

The following ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on March 23, 2017 and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal building.

ORDINANCE 17-07 – AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Public Comments on Ordinance 17-07

No one came forward.

Motion by Councilwoman McSwiggan, second by Councilman Sasso, that Ordinance 17-07 be passed on second and final reading and is hereby adopted and notice of same shall be published according to law.

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On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilman Bernstein:	aye	Councilman Sasso:	aye
Councilwoman Homan:	absent	Councilman Strauch:	aye
Councilwoman McSwiggan:	aye	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

(See Ordinance 17-07, attached and made a part hereof.)

Introduction of Ordinances

Motion by Councilman Sasso that the following ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting May 11, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the as the matter can be heard as the date and time and the Council Chambers of the Allendale Municipal Building as the place for a hearing on said ordinance. Second by Councilwoman McSwiggan.

The Municipal Clerk read the title of the ordinance into the record:

ORDINANCE 17-08 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, SUPPLEMENT AND REVISE THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE, ZONING, CHAPTER 270-31(A)

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilman Bernstein:	aye	Councilman Sasso:	aye
Councilwoman Homan:	absent	Councilman Strauch:	aye
Councilwoman McSwiggan:	aye	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

(See Ordinance 17-08, attached and made a part hereof.)

Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilwoman McSwiggan, second by Councilman Bernstein, to remove Resolution #17-129 from the Consent Agenda

On a roll call, the vote on the Consent Agenda was recorded as follows:

Councilman Bernstein:	aye	Councilman Sasso:	aye
Councilwoman Homan:	absent	Councilman Strauch:	aye
Councilwoman McSwiggan:	aye	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

Motion by Councilman Strauch, second by Councilwoman Wilczynski, to table Resolution #17-129 to April 27, 2017.

On a roll call, the vote on the Consent Agenda was recorded as follows:

Councilman Bernstein:	aye	Councilman Sasso:	aye
Councilwoman Homan:	absent	Councilman Strauch:	aye
Councilwoman McSwiggan:	aye	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

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- A. **17-120**/Approval of Bill List
- B. **17-121**/Support Valley Hospital’s Submission of Certificate of Need Application to Relocate to Paramus, New Jersey
- C. **17-122**/Award 2017 Professional Service Contract – Mott MacDonald – Water & Sewer Engineering Services
- D. **17-123**/Authorize Agreement – 2017 Commercial Ground Maintenance Program – High Mountain Landscaping
- E. **17-124**/Authorize Change Order No. 1 – Ramsey Tank Rehabilitation Project
- F. **17-125**/Approve 2017 July 4th Celebration
- G. **17-126**/Authorize Salary Increases – DPW Crew Chiefs
- H. **17-127**/Establish Fees – Donation of Memorial Tree or Bench
- I. **17-128**/Amend Fees – 2017 Season – Crestwood Lake, Beach & Kayak Rentals
- J. ~~**17-129**/Approve Stipulation of Settlement & Consent Order~~ *Removed from Consent Agenda*
- K. **17-130**/Authorize Water Adjustment – Sullivan
- L. **17-131**/Authorize Refunds – Overpayment of 2016/2017 Taxes – Various Properties
- M. **17-132**/Authorize Refunds – 2015 & 2016 State Board Judgments – Various Properties

Motion by Councilman Sasso, second by Councilwoman McSwiggan, that the Consent Agenda be approved as amended.

On a roll call, the vote on the Consent Agenda was recorded as follows:

Councilman Bernstein:	aye	Councilman Sasso:	aye
Councilwoman Homan:	absent	Councilman Strauch:	aye
Councilwoman McSwiggan:	aye	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

All members present voting in favor, the Consent Agenda was approved as amended.

Resolution 17-120

List of Bills

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 April 6, 2017 in the amounts of:

Current Fund	\$869,614.28
Payroll Account	\$158,016.54
General Capital	\$0.00
Animal Fund	\$0.00
COAH/Housing Trust	\$0.00
Improvement & Beautification	\$0.00
Unemployment Fund	\$0.00
Trust Fund	\$2,527.50
Water Operating	\$0.00
Water Capital	\$49,219.96
Total	\$1,079,378.28

Resolution 17-121

A Resolution of Allendale, New Jersey in Support of The Valley Hospital's Submission of a Certificate of Need Application to Relocate The Valley Hospital to Paramus, New Jersey

WHEREAS, The Valley Hospital, through its award-winning clinical care, exceptional service and numerous community health programs, contributes greatly to the health and wellness of our community; and

WHEREAS, In order to continue providing its vital programs and services and meet the long-term healthcare needs of our community, The Valley Hospital must be able to adapt to changes in healthcare and modernize; and

WHEREAS, The Valley Hospital's plans to build a modern, state-of-the-art hospital in Paramus, New Jersey will ensure that our residents have access to high quality healthcare for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, The Valley Hospital in Paramus, New Jersey will be built with single-patient rooms to enhance the privacy, safety and comfort of its patients; and

WHEREAS, The Valley Hospital in Paramus, New Jersey will incorporate the best practices in creative, innovative and sustainable healthcare facility design, such as flexibility and the use of advanced technology, in order to enhance patient care and service; and

WHEREAS, The Valley Hospital, as a not-for-profit hospital since its inception in 1951, gives back to its community, providing more than \$97 million in Community Benefit and uncompensated care dollars in 2015, including \$5.6 million for community health programs, services and essential health information and preventive education; and

WHEREAS, The Valley Hospital, as the second largest employer in Bergen County, will be a significant driver of economic activity, create construction jobs and permanent jobs, and support local businesses in our area and throughout the region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Mayor and Council of Allendale, New Jersey hereby express their full support for The Valley Hospital's Submission of a Certificate of Need Application to Relocate The Valley Hospital to Paramus, New Jersey; and be it further

RESOLVED, that The Mayor and Council of Allendale, New Jersey hereby urge The New Jersey Department of Health to approve The Valley Hospital's Certificate of Need Application to Relocate The Valley Hospital to Paramus, New Jersey; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to The New Jersey Department of Health.

Resolution 17-122

Awarding Professional Service Contract to
Hatch Mott MacDonald for Water and Sewer Engineering

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Whereas, the Borough of Allendale requires the service of professionals for the year 2017, and

Whereas, it is contemplated that the temporary and permanent budgets will contain the necessary appropriations estimated to be reasonably required for each such professional service; and

Whereas, the professional named herein will be required to execute a contract for the services to be rendered which shall set forth the compensation for such services therein;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale that the following appointments be and they are hereby made for the year:

Whereas, a Certification of availability of funds has been received from the Chief Financial Officer or that such funds will be encumbered by Purchase Order on an as-needed basis pursuant to the provisions of NJAC 5:30-5.4 et seq;

Whereas, in any instance where it is anticipated that the expenditure for each such professional service will exceed the sum of \$17,500 for said calendar year, the named professionals have completed, submitted and filed a Business Entity Certification Disclosure which certifies that the above named persons and/or entities have not made any reportable contributions to any political or candidate committee including (Republicans for Responsible Government, Allendale Republican Club, Allendale Democratic Club, Candidates for Allendale Municipal Government, Bergen County Democratic Organization, Bergen County Republican Organization) in the previous one (1) year, and that the contract will prohibit the above named professionals/business entities from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract;

Be It Further Resolved that these contracts are being awarded as a non-fair and open contract, pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.5;

Be It Further Resolved that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the determination of value be placed on file with this Resolution.

Water and Sewer Engineer

Mott MacDonald

The compensation for the aforesaid positions to be established by the salary ordinance or the contract for such services which shall be executed by each of the professionals named herein; and

Be It Further Resolved that the aforesaid appointments were made without competitive bidding under the provisions of NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(a) which exempts from competitive bidding Professional Services rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law; and

Be It Further Resolved that the appropriate Borough Officials be and they are hereby authorized to execute contracts with each of the professionals named herein for the services to be rendered; and

Be It Further Resolved that the compensation to be paid for the professionals named herein shall not exceed the budget appropriation for such services unless properly ordained in accordance with law.

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Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be filed with the Borough Clerk and made available for inspection and that a brief notice of the passage thereof be published in The Record within ten days of the passage as required by law.

Resolution 17-123

Approval of Agreement for 2017 Commercial Ground Maintenance

Whereas, there is a need for landscaping services for the 2017 Commercial Ground Maintenance Program; and

Whereas, quotations and pricing were sought by the Borough's Director of Operations;

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer has advised that funding is available for this purchase.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that an Agreement for landscaping services for the 2016 Commercial Ground Maintenance with High Mountain Landscaping, 27 Eberhardt Road, East Hanover, New Jersey 07936 be entered into with High Mountain Landscaping in the amount of \$34,345.00; and

Be It Further Resolved that the solicitation of quotes record be kept on file with the award of contract in the Municipal Clerk's office and that the Mayor is authorized to execute said agreement; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor, Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney are hereby authorized to such action as may be necessary to implement this Resolution, including the execution of an Agreement with High Mountain Landscaping for the above services.

Resolution 17-124

Change Order Number One – Ramsey Tank Rehabilitation

Whereas, the Borough Engineer has requested that certain changes are needed in the Ramsey Tank Rehabilitation contract; and

Whereas, a net decrease of \$47,200.00 will result from the actual quantities of work measured and performed; and

Whereas, the CFO has certified that sufficient funds are available.

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 One resulting in a decrease of \$47,200.00, a 7.97% decrease in the original contracted amount, be approved for the Ramsey Tank Rehabilitation, resulting in a new contract amount of \$544,800.00.

Be It Further Resolved that Change Order Number One in the decreased amount of \$47,200.00 be approved for performance by Allied Painting, Inc., 4 Larwin, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

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Resolution 17-125

Approval of 2017 July 4th Celebration

Be It Resolved that Crestwood Park will close at 5:00 p.m. on July 4, 2017; and,

Be It Further Resolved that the Holiday Observers are hereby authorized to conduct a fireworks display and celebration at Crestwood Lake commencing at dusk on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 with a rain date of Saturday, July 8, 2017; and,

Be It Further Resolved that the fireworks display is subject to appropriate review and approval of insurance and the receipt of a permit from the Allendale Bureau of Fire Prevention.

Resolution 17-126

Salary Resolution

Be It Resolved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Allendale that the following employees be granted an increase in salary for the year 2017 retroactive to January 1, 2017:

Dan Davis, Crew Chief	\$4,000
Dan Richards, Crew Chief	\$4,000

Resolution 17-127

WHEREAS, many residents of the Borough of Allendale (the “Borough”) have expressed an interest in donating a tree or a bench as a memorial in honor of a family member, loved one or event; and

WHEREAS, the Borough believes that such memorials are appropriate expressions which promote the well-being of the community; and

Whereas, the Borough wishes to establish a fee/cost schedule for such donations, as well as setting forth the conditions governing such donations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Allendale as follows:

1. A cost/fee of \$1,000 shall be applicable to the purchase of any memorial tree, which amount shall cover the price of the tree (inclusive of delivery and planting) and a memorial plaque.
2. A cost/fee of \$1,500 shall be applicable to the purchase of any memorial bench, which amount shall cover the price of the bench (inclusive of delivery and installation) and a memorial plaque.
3. The Borough reserves the right to approve the inscription on any memorial plaques, as well as the location at which trees and benches are to be placed within the Borough.

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Resolution 17-128

Amended 2017 Fees for Crestwood Lake, Beach & Kayak Rentals

Whereas, pursuant to Chapter 203, Section 20A of the Code of the Borough of Allendale, fees for the use of recreational facilities are to be established annually by resolution of the governing body.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the following rates be and are hereby approved for Crestwood Lake for the 2017 season:

Resident Rates: Early Registration. On or Before 5/22/17

	Resident Rates before May 22	Resident Rates after May 22	Non-Resident Rate
1 st Family Member	200	215	300
2 nd Family Member	130	145	195
Additional Family member	60	65	100
Extra Adult	175	150	210
Senior Rate	65	70	85

Active Military and Veterans (20% discount of all published rates)

Resident Rates shall also apply to employees of the Borough of Allendale

Guest Fees for Residents and Non-Residents (2 books per family)

Daily \$ 10
 Guest Books (10 passes) \$ 90

Badge Replacement for Residents and Non-Residents

Cost \$ 5

Lifeguard Fee for Beach and Camp Rentals

Cost \$ 20 per hour

Beach Party Rental

West Beach: Sat and Sunday \$500
 Playground Beach (1 to 20 people) \$150
 Playground Beach (21 to 40 people) \$200
 Playground Beach (41+ people) \$250

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Kayak Rental

\$5 per ½ hour
kayak

Red Barn and Pavilion (Pavilion available after Labor Day till Mid-November)

All rates are non-refundable

Allendale Families	\$ 250
Allendale Businesses	\$ 500
Businesses not able to rent Pavilion	

Swim Lessons

\$60 per person

Day Camp Rentals

As per discretion of Lake Director:

1 to 25 kids: \$350 per day (up to 3 hours)
26 to 50 kids: \$600 per day (up to 3 hours)
Over 50 kids: Additional \$10 per child

Be It Further Resolved that free family memberships be granted to Allendale Firefighters, Ambulance Corps Personnel, CERT personnel, and Mayor and Council members; and,

Be It Further Resolved that employees of the Allendale Elementary School District and Northern Highlands High School shall be charged 25% off of the Non-Resident Rates captioned

Resolution 17-130

Water Adjustment

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

Whereas, these adjustments are due to an error in billing.

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

Name	Account Number	Amount
Maria R. Sullivan	311-4532062114	\$61.86

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Resolution 17-131

OVERPAYMENT

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 2016/2017 Taxes:

Block/ Lot	Name	Property Location	Amount
<u>2017</u>			
1401/5	Habeishy, Jules & Kathlee 196 Schuyler Road Allendale, NJ 07401	196 Schuyler Road	\$1,000.00
<u>2016</u>			
2101/1.2205	Wayne Stahlmann- Trust Account 198 Boulevard Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604	2205 Freeman Way	\$91.96
TOTAL			\$1,091.96

Resolution 17-132

State Board Judgments

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Allendale that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue the following overpayment check due to State Board Judgments for the tax years 2015 & 2016:

Block/Lot	Name	Amount
<u>2015</u>		
1005/19	Spiotti & Esposito, P.C. Attorney Trust Account 271 US Highway 46 Ste F105-106 Fairfield, NJ 07004-2471	\$3,704.25
<u>2016</u>		
1005/19	Spiotti & Esposito, P.C. Attorney Trust Account 271 US Highway 46 Ste F105-106 Fairfield, NJ 07004-2471	\$4,696.55

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Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business

New Business:

Mayor White noted that the governing body did receive a report from the Allendale Sports Association with their recommendation on the field use issue. She advised that the governing body will accept this report and continue to review this matter to determine how best to proceed.

Mayor's Report

Mayor White reported that she and Councilwoman McSwiggan met with the NJ DEP. She advised that they meet with them on an annual basis to discuss how Allendale is addressing water use within the town, noting that they are under a water moratorium for any new construction.

Council Committee Reports and Comments

Councilman Strauch – Public Works

Councilman Strauch advised that the Public Works Committee and Engineering met yesterday. He reported that there are a lot of projects being addressed by both departments. He announced that the next meeting is scheduled for May 11th.

Councilwoman Wilczynski – Facilities, Parks & Recreation

Councilwoman Wilczynski stated that Facilities, Parks and Recreation met last week and are getting ready for the upcoming season at Crestwood Lake. They are also working on the Crestwood Lake Newsletter, Tennis Court Rehabilitation project, and the Crestwood Lake ADA Bathroom Renovations.

Councilwoman McSwiggan – Water, Sewer and Public Utilities

Councilwoman McSwiggan advised that the Water, Sewer and Public Utilities Committee met and focused on infrastructure upgrades. She advised that the NJ DEP is looking to implement more stringent water restrictions as well as ways to enforce these restrictions.

Councilman Sasso – Land Use and Construction Code

Councilman Sasso announced that Land Use and Construction Code Committee will be meeting tomorrow morning at 8 a.m.

Councilman Bernstein – Administration, Finance, and Human Resources

Councilman Bernstein noted that the budget was introduced at the last meeting and is scheduled for adoption on April 27th. He advised that he has not yet scheduled the April meeting of the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee.

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Mayor White added that the Borough Auditor, Charles Ferraioli, will be attending the April 27th Work Session to give his budget presentation. She reminded the governing body that the JIF training will need to be completed and both the Planning Board and governing body will need to take a training course on the new NJ DEP stormwater regulations.

Staff Reports:

Ray Wiss, Municipal Attorney, advised that, as noted earlier, the settlement agreement in the Northern Highlands lighting matter should be approved by all of the parties by April 27th. The closing for 220 and 230 West Crescent Avenue is scheduled to take place on May 1st as all of the contingencies have been satisfied. A case management conference is scheduled on April 12th for the COAH litigation. Borough Attorney Wiss advised that he had a conversation with the Borough Planner to schedule a settlement conference with the Court Master sometime in May.

Anne Dodd, Municipal Clerk, explained that she has received notification from the State regarding the filing of the 2017 Financial Disclosure Statements. She is in the process of updating the roster of those who are required to file and will be sending out instructions on filing upon receipt from the Local Finance Board.

Mayor White asked for a status update on the relocation of the voting districts that were formerly housed in Guardian Angel Church.

Borough Clerk Dodd responded that she was required to certify the polling places by April 1st and she certified to the two new locations that she had recommended. She advised that she will follow up with the Board of Elections to see when they will be inspecting the new proposed locations.

Ron Kistner, Administrative Officer/Director of Operations, reported that the Tennis Court Rehabilitation project will be starting soon. The award of the contract for the ADA Bathroom Renovations should be authorized at the next meeting. The Egg Hunt will take place at Crestwood Lake on Saturday.

Public Comment on any issue:

Mark Savastano, 22 Vreeland Place, inquired whether the fee for the special event food permits was reduced for Festival Day.

Mayor White confirmed that a resolution was adopted and advised that a copy will be forwarded to him.

Mr. Savastano noted that Ho-Ho-Kus reached a settlement in terms of their COAH obligation.

Mayor White advised that the number that was printed in the article was misleading. Borough Attorney Wiss explained that although their actual obligation is in the 200s, the number reported in the article is the number to which they are presently obligated to provide within their plans. He noted that the Borough would most likely be presently obligated to a number in the 40s. Mayor White expressed her frustration with being pushed into a settlement as the Borough is third round certified and has gone above and beyond in terms of meeting their COAH obligations. Borough Attorney Wiss expressed his opinion that the formula does not give enough credit for past compliance.

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Mr. Savastano commented that although he has no issue with the water rate increase as he believes that it will help to encourage conservation, he expressed concern that certain residents will be granted unlimited water use.

Mayor White explained that those residents would not be entitled to unlimited use, but rather, the rates for seniors were not increased. As the wording in the article seems to indicate that seniors and special needs residents are charged a flat rate regardless of use, Councilwoman McSwiggan advised that she will look into the matter further and get back to Mr. Savastano.

Tom Zambrotta, Surrey Lane, advised that he had previously alerted the governing body to an issue on Colonial, Surrey and Dogwood in which residents are experiencing brown water. He noted that he was told that bonding would be put into place to address this issue.

Mayor White responded that the funds were not bonded this year as PSE&G will be doing gas main repairs which will require the road to be opened and they did not want to replace the water main before this work was completed. She further explained that while conducting hydrant flushing, they had discovered 3 valves that had been buried. These valves were opened and she thought that by doing so, it may have solved the issue. She reported that there are funds left from another project that may be able to be used to address this matter this year.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilman Strauch, second by Councilman Bernstein, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Dodd, RMC
Municipal Clerk