

Work Session  
Mayor and Council  
August 22, 2013

A Work Session of the Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:34 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, Wilczynski and Mayor Barra. Mr. Strauch arrived at 7:40 p.m.. Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. Bole were also present.

*Public Comments*

Mayor Barra opened the meeting to the public for comments.

There were none.

*Administration*

Agenda Review

Resolution 13-350

Mayor Barra said this resolution deals with a home that has no storm drain in front of the house. This resolution will allow the storm drain to be extended to the sewer drain. The design of the plan will be approved this evening for the purpose of covering the cost of the extension to the street and providing liability to the Borough.

Resolution 13-354

Mayor Barra stated that there were only two recommendations in the 2012 audit. The first concerns purchase orders and the second is about capital ordinances.

Mrs. White and Mayor Barra complimented Mrs. Mayer and her staff for their excellent work in the Finance Office. Ms. LaMonica also noted how helpful Mrs. Mayer has been during the transition of Water Department operations to United Water.

Resolution 13-355, 13-356, 13-357, 13-358

Mayor Barra said these resolutions, when passed by the Council, will become liens on the tax rolls. They are to correct property maintenance issues. It was noted that the Construction Code Official will still attempt to have the invoices paid, however if not, the balance will be paid at the time the properties are sold. Interest will accrue on the balances.

## Resolution 13-359

Mr. Bole said that in December the Council approved a Sunesys application. Sunesys has since installed fiber optic cable on Franklin Turnpike.

Sunesys has filed a new application with the Borough to put fiber optic cable from Crescent Avenue through Hillside Avenue. This will be on the Rockland Electric/Verizon poles and will not be underground.

Mr. Bole said Sunesys has posted a \$1,500 fee for legal and engineering review. A new agreement doesn't have to be signed but there will be an extension of the existing agreement.

Mr. Strauch commented that traffic lights are blocked by these wires. He asked if there is a point where additional cables cannot be added and they must be put underground instead.

Mr. Barra said the utility companies provide overhead utilities because the cost of putting utilities underground is prohibitive. He added that the new president of Rockland Electric will be meeting with him and several members of the Council on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. McSwiggan asked if Allendale knows who owns the utility poles. Mr. Barra said each of the poles has a metal plate stating ownership.

Mr. Bole said the application cannot be denied, but reasonable conditions can be put in place. Ultimately where and how the cables are put up should be coordinated with the Director of Operations.

Mr. Bernstein asked if restrictions needed to be included in the resolution.

Mr. Barra suggested getting Mr. Yakimik's input before the resolution is approved. He would prefer to approve the resolution after the meeting with Rockland Electric.

It was decided to have the vote on the resolution rescheduled for the meeting of September 26<sup>th</sup>.

### *Mayor's Report*

Mr. Barra said there will be a traditional candlelight vigil on September 11<sup>th</sup>, but there will also be a 10:00 a.m. remembrance. The Lieutenant Governor will be in attendance in the morning to dedicate the piece of steel received by the Borough from the Port Authority. The Highlands Voices will be present as well as members of the Emergency Services and local politicians from the County and State. The Allendale Community for Mature Living and school children will be invited to attend. Donations have been received to erect a permanent monument to display the steel.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen McCarthy  
Municipal Clerk