

Work Session
Borough of Allendale
Mayor and Council
February 26, 2015

A Work Session of the Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor White.

The following individuals answered roll call: Councilmembers Bernstein, Homan, Sasso, Strauch, and Mayor White. Councilwoman Wilczynski arrived at 7:24 and Councilwoman McSwiggan was absent. Mr. Valenzuela and Mr. Wiss were also present.

Public Comments:

Mayor White opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Lynn Novak, of 64 Talman, thanked the Mayor and Council for addressing a concern about early garbage pickup.

There were no further comments from the public.

Mayor White welcomed Albert Ferrara, Community Tobacco Program Coordinator for the Bergen County Department of Health Services. Mr. Ferrara talked about the benefits of adopting the Bergen/Hudson Chronic Disease Coalition program of 100 Percent Smoke Free Parks and Recreation Areas Ordinance. He spoke of the impact of second hand smoke and the positive message an Ordinance such as this would have on our Youth. He also spoke about the negative impact of smoking litter for humans as well as animal life in areas such as the Celery Farm. Thirty four towns in Bergen County have Ordinances.

Naidene Benoit, member of the Allendale Board of Health, asked the council to consider adopting an Ordinance for Smoke Free Parks and Recreation Areas in Allendale. There was also discussion of signage and sticker options. The Board is working on a draft of the Ordinance.

Adrian Tenbekjian, of 69 Charles Street, discussed the impact of the proposed resolution on school properties.

Councilwoman Wilczynski arrived.

Presentation to Eagle Scout Recipients:

Mayor White asked Mr. Tom Zambrotta, of 13 Surrey Lane, to introduce the Eagle Scout recipients.

Mr. Zambrotta explained what an Eagle Scout is and what is involved in an Eagle Scout project. He introduced the Eagle Scout Award Recipients.

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Adrienne Tenbekjian, representing the Allendale Chamber of Commerce, made the presentation.

Eagle Scout Recipients:

Kyle Alward
Eric Dworken
Thomas Heart
Jake Homan
Kevin Hours
John Kelly
Brendan Routh

Assemblyman Russo presented each Eagle Scouts with a Joint Legislative Resolution. Mayor White Assemblyman and David Russo congratulated the recipients.

Jim Wright, of 498 Franklin Tpk. – Mr. Wrigh is the Vice President of the Fyke Nature Center. He expressed his whole hearted support of the the ban on smoking at the Celery Farm. Mayor White and the Council thanked Mr. Wright for his dedicated service.

Agenda Review:

Mayor White said that there was a change to the December 11 regular session minminutes on the e-packet on page 23 concerning the wording of Mr. Cassidy's requested of a waiver of the administrative fee for the Red Barn.

Mayor's report:

Mayor White said that the Fyke Nature Association is setting up a webcam to show live video of the nesting of the Red Hawk on their website.

AFEE, the Allendale Foundation for Educational Excellence, Inc. will be having their annual dinner at the Sheriton Crossroads on March 13th. Mayor White extended the invitation to the Council members.

There will be a Department Head meeting tomorw morning, February 27th at 9:00 at the Borough Hall. Mayor White said that the monthly meetings have been very productive.

Mayor White said that there was a Joint meeting this week of the Allendale Library and the Allendale School District. They have decided to have quarterly meeting during the year.

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Adjournment.

On a motion by Councilman Bernstein, seconded by Councilwoman Wilczynski, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn to Regular Session at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Valenzuela
Acting Municipal Clerk