

Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale
Work Session Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Elizabeth White and Council members Ari Bernstein, Liz Homan, Jackie McSwiggan, Steve Sasso (arrived at 7:51 p.m.), and Amy Wilczynski

ABSENT: Council member Jim Strauch

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Attorney Ray Wiss
Municipal Clerk Anne Dodd

A Work 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 July 14, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 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.”

Presentations:

A. Proclamation – 2016 Northern Highlands Boys Baseball Team

Mayor White expressed that the governing body is very proud of the Northern Highlands Boys Baseball team and read the following proclamation into the record:

CONGRATULATIONS!
2016 NORTHERN HIGHLANDS
BOYS BASEBALL TEAM

Whereas, the hard work, dedication, sportsmanship and talent of the 2016 Northern Highlands Baseball team known as “The Highlanders” has enabled these student athletes to earn Group 3 State Championship; and

Whereas, to earn this title the Northern Highlands Baseball Team beat Ramapo in the North 1, Group 3 sectional title; and

Whereas, this was the first state sectional crown for Highlands since 1985; and

Whereas, the Highlanders advanced to the finals after defeating the North 2, Group 3 champion Cranford by 6-1 at Weehawken Stadium in the state semifinal; and

Whereas, in the final Championship game, The Highlanders went into the game against a pitcher with 0.00 ERA in 51 innings pitched and 9-0 record; and

Whereas, the Highlanders immediately scored 2 runs overcoming this threat in the first inning; and

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Whereas, on Saturday, June 11th, the Northern Highlands Varsity Baseball Team beat the Ocean City Red Raiders by 7-2 to become the 2016 Group 3 State Champions.

Whereas, this is the first Group 3 State title in the program's history; and

Whereas, the 2016 Varsity Baseball Team players Noah Abdalla, Hunter Abdalla, Matthew Dipasupil, Zack Dreznin, Kieran Flynnne, Breylin Jones, Andrew Keenan, Evan Knutzen, Greg Lomuti, Paul Mast, Kyle Pensa, Nick Pirsos, Tyler Shedler-McAvoy, Christian Tsadillas, Alexander Wiener & Liam Wilczynski should be commended for the fine example that they have set for all the youth of this community; and

Whereas, the devoted coaching staff consisting of Head Coach Paul Albarella and Assistants Coaches Tony LaRocca & Robert Merrilees should be recognized for instilling in their champions the spirit of dedication and teamwork – qualities that will serve them well throughout their lives.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale does hereby acknowledge the players, coaches, administrators, fans, family, students and supporters of the Northern Highlands Varsity Baseball Team, and we honor the accomplishment of the team and the poise and dignity displayed by the young men in the achievement this historic triumph.

Mayor White also presented Coach Paul Albarella with a letter from Governor Chris Christie as well as citations from the State and General Assembly.

B. Proclamation – National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor White thanked the Allendale Woman's Club for helping to raise awareness of ovarian cancer and read the following proclamation into the record:

**Proclamation in Honor of
National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer continues to have one of the highest mortality rates of any cancer, and it is a leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the United States. This month, we remember the mothers, sisters, and daughters we have lost to ovarian cancer, and we extend our support to those living with this disease; and

WHEREAS, each year, thousands of women are diagnosed with, and go on to battle valiantly against, this disease. Yet, ovarian cancer remains difficult to detect, and women are often not diagnosed until the disease has reached an advanced stage. Because early detection is the best defense against ovarian cancer, it is essential that women know the risk factors associated with the disease; and

WHEREAS, during National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and throughout the year, we commend all the brave women fighting this disease, their families and friends. In the memory of all the brave women who have lost their lives to ovarian cancer, and in support of generations of women to come, let us recommit to reaching a safer, healthier future for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, in support of Ovarian Cancer and to raise awareness, the Allendale Woman's Club will be placing teal ribbons as part of Turn the Towns Teal.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elizabeth White, on behalf of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, do hereby proclaim **September 2016 as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month**. I call upon citizens, government agencies, organizations, health-care providers, and research institutions to raise ovarian cancer awareness and continue helping Americans live longer, healthier lives. And I urge women across the country to talk to their health-care providers and learn more about this disease.

Administration:

A. Agenda Review

Mayor White reviewed the Regular Session agenda. She explained that the purpose of Ordinance 16-20 is to reappropriate funds for work to the water infrastructure for two streets that are being paved and one street that was initially scheduled to be paved. In reference to Ordinance 16-21 which is being introduced, she advised that the purpose of this ordinance is to increase the escrow amounts required when registering a vacant property. She thanked the Land Use Committee and Property Maintenance Officer for their work in preparing these amendments as they will allow the Borough to expend the necessary funds to maintain these properties.

Mayor White then reviewed the Consent Agenda. She highlighted Resolution #16-196, explaining that this company assisted the Borough with their submission to FEMA for Hurricane Sandy. She commented that as they did such a great job, the Borough would like to use them to assist with a submission for an event that took place during the winter.

In terms of the 2015 audit, Mayor White commented that she is happy to report that only two minor comments were received. She noted that the audit will be certified via Resolution #16-197 and the Corrective Action Plan adopted via Resolution #16-198. Councilman Bernstein remarked that the audit is a testament to the tight ship that is being run as there were only a few minor issues that arose and they have already been addressed.

Mayor White explained that Resolution #16-200 supports reaffirming the Fair Share Housing Act and specifically addresses the gap year period. She noted that the courts have ruled in favor of municipalities not having to address the gap year period. She advised that Allendale is only one of six towns in Bergen County that is 3rd round certified.

In terms of Resolution #16-203, Mayor White reviewed further revisions to the Personnel Manual being recommended by the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee. The governing body agreed with the proposed changes. She commented that the committee is looking forward to having the Personnel Manual approved and as the Department Head meeting is scheduled for next Friday, the manual will be reviewed with them at that time and then will be distributed to all of the employees. Borough Attorney Wiss added that he has reviewed the entire manual and the committee has acted with his advice.

With respect to Resolution #16-207, Mayor White noted that Matt O'Toole and Larry Stephen are being appointed as alternates to the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment respectively. She thanked them meeting with her and expressed her belief that they are great residents who will make excellent additions to these boards.

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B. Mayor's Report

Mayor White remarked that she looks forward to the new Police Officer joining the Borough. She thanked the *Town Journal* for the article on the West Crescent Bridge project. Although it was initially thought that this project was not affected by shutdown that was ordered by Governor Christie, this project was slated to be shut down. She advised that after reaching out to the Office of the Governor to request that they reconsider, the project has been taken off the list and will continue. She reported that PSE& G has put in the gas line and the road is scheduled to be paved in the next two weeks. She noted that although they are hoping to have the project completed sooner, the drop dead date for completion is August 26th.

C. Council Reports

This item was carried to the Regular Session.

D. Staff Reports

This item was carried to the Regular Session.

E. Correspondence

There were no correspondence items.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilman Bernstein, second by Councilwoman McSwiggan, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Dodd, RMC
Municipal Clerk