

Work Session  
Mayor and Council  
July 25, 2013

A Work Session of the Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:35 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 McSwiggan, White, Wilczynski and Mayor Barra. Mr. Bernstein arrived at 7:36 p.m., Mr. Strauch arrived at 7:43 p.m. and Ms. LaMonica arrived at 7:45 p.m. Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. Bole were also present.

*Mayor's Report*

Mayor Barra reported that last week he and Mrs. Mayer went before the Board of Public Utilities in Trenton. The Board of Public Utilities unanimously approved the contract between Allendale and United Water for the maintenance and operation of the Water Department.

Allendale is scheduled to proceed with the operational turnover of the Water Department to United Water on Thursday, August 1, 2013. United Water has met many times with Allendale's Water Department and other administrative personnel in anticipation of this change. Residents will be notified about the occurrence, but a seamless transition is expected. Mr. Jeff Picinich, the Superintendent of the Water Department will become an employee of United Water and he will be assigned to Allendale.

Billing and customer service will not begin until the weekend of August 11<sup>th</sup> because United Water has to close down their billing operations to make this change. Any issues relating to the prior quarter's billing will continue to be handled by the Borough's staff.

Mayor Barra said the BPU also commented on the United Water's reputation as a credible water operator.

Mrs. McSwiggan said the transition is being made conservatively and she is impressed with the attention to detail that United Water has given to Allendale.

Mrs. White said an immense amount of work has been done by the Committee, the Mayor, Mrs. McSwiggan and Mr. Picinich. She complimented all of them on seeing this project through to completion.

Mr. Barra said there will be a formal turnover to United Water with a ceremony at 10:00 at Borough Hall.

Mrs. McCarthy read the following resolution into the record:

**Whereas**, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**Whereas**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

**Whereas**, the governing body wishes to discuss:

Attorney Client Privilege and  
Litigation

Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the public be excluded from this meeting.

The governing body returned from Executive Session and adjourned to Regular Session at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen McCarthy  
Municipal Clerk