

Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale  
Work Session Meeting Minutes  
July 28, 2016

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

ABSENT: Councilmembers Liz Homan and Jackie McSwiggan

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 28, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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.”

**Administration:**

A. Agenda Review

Mayor White reviewed the Regular Session agenda. She advised that she had some revisions to the Minutes which were sent to the Municipal Clerk and circulated to the governing body. Municipal Clerk Dodd confirmed receipt of these revisions.

She thanked the Land Use Committee for the extensive amount of time that was spent in putting Ordinances 16-22 and 16-23 together for introduction. She explained that Ordinance 16-22 will allow Houses of Worship in all districts and also addresses setbacks and lot sizes. She explained that Ordinance 16-23 amends off-street parking requirements and goes hand in hand with Ordinance 16-22. Councilman Bernstein inquired whether these ordinances will go before the Planning Board for review to determine consistency with the Master Plan. Borough Attorney Wiss confirmed that 35 days have been scheduled between introduction and adoption to allow for this review.

Mayor White then reviewed the resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

B. Mayor's Report

There was no Mayor's Report.

C. Council Reports

**Councilman Strauch** – Public Works

In place of the July Public Works Committee meeting, Councilman Strauch advised that the Director of Operations provided a status update via email and all projects are moving along. The committee will be meeting again next week. He noted that he attempts to meet with one

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DPW employee every month informally to receive feedback on how the department is running and he remarked that the feedback that he has received thus far has been positive.

**Councilwoman Wilczynski** – Facilities, Parks and Recreation

Councilwoman Wilczynski reported that a Crestwood Lake Managers meeting was held last night and she commented that it was a great meeting. She advised that she received an email from an attendee of the softball tournament who is also a lake manager. They inquired how Crestwood Lake is treated as they were impressed by the clarity of the water. She advised that there are two upcoming concerts; Four Brothers will be performing on Friday and the Nerds will be performing on Tuesday at 8 p.m.

**Councilman Bernstein** – Administration, Finance and Human Resources

Councilman Bernstein announced that the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee will meet on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

**Councilman Sasso** - Land Use and Construction Code

Councilman Sasso advised that the Land Use and Construction Code Committee will meet on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. He noted that they have been very busy as they continue to review to Borough Code to determine vulnerable areas and where it is redundant or confusing. He expressed that he is proud of the progress that has been made thus far. He advised that they are currently looking at the future of 24-hour businesses.

D. Staff Reports

Ray Wiss, Municipal Attorney, advised that the Fair Share Housing Council will be seeking Supreme Court review of the recent opinion on the gap period rendered by the Appellate Division. He advised that the immunity period has been extended until September 30<sup>th</sup> and mediation with the Fair Share Housing Council will be required to see if a settlement can be reached. He is currently working with the Affordable Housing Consultant on an amended spending plan and one of the prime aspects of that plan is consummating the Eastern Christian project in order to seek \$50,000, the Borough's stake in that project.

Anne Dodd, Municipal Clerk, advised that she has no report.

E. Correspondence

There were no correspondence items.

**Public Comment:**

Tom Morely, 112 W. Maple Avenue, advised that trees were cut down adjacent to his property in the fall. He noted that the stumps were left and have created an eyesore. Although he was advised that they were left due to budgetary constraints, he requested that the governing body consider having the stumps ground if funds should become available. He further advised that the area by the fence on the side of the lake hasn't been cleaned up in 4 to 5 years.

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Mayor White responded that the Land Use Committee will follow up on the two issues that Mr. Morley has raised.

As it had not yet reached the time to convene the Regular Session, Council decided to enter into Closed Session.

***Closed Session:***

Mayor White read into the record Resolution 16-213.

BE IT RESOLVED in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale entered into Closed Executive Session to discuss the following matters:

A. Pending & Prospective Litigation

Minutes will be taken of the meeting and released to the public at the time that the matter is resolved. After Closed Executive Session, the Mayor and Council will reconvene in the Council Chambers to adjourn this work session.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion from Councilman Strauch, seconded by Councilwoman Wilczynski, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Executive Session in the Quilt Room at 7:52 p.m.

***Adjournment:***

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilman Strauch, second by Councilman Sasso, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Dodd, RMC  
Municipal Clerk