

Work Session  
Mayor and Council  
June 12, 2014

A Work Session Meeting of the Borough Council was called to order at 7:37 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: Councilmembers Bernstein, McSwiggan, Sasso, Strauch, White, Wilczynski, and Mayor Barra. Mr. Casais and Mr. Bole were also present.

*Public Comments*

Mayor Barra opened the meeting to the public for comments.

John Keenan; Superintendent, Northern Highlands Regional High School

- Before he left the High School he wanted to come to thank the Governing Body for all of their support of Northern Highlands and him personally
- Stated that while he has not lived in Allendale for the many years that he has worked at Northern Highlands, he feels like it has been like being part of a big family

Mayor Barra stated that Mr. Keenan really made his job a Mayor much easier in a variety of ways, not only with residents, but with having a better more open connection between the Municipality and the School District

Councilwoman Wilczynski wish Mr. Keenan a lot of luck in his new job and stated that he has been a pleasure to work with, especially coordinating the use of fields and recreational facilities

Councilwoman White stated that his departure is truly a loss for the Borough and thanked Mr. Keenan for his service to the School District and the community as a whole

*Agenda Review*

R. 14-193 Approving Notice of Intent to Award a Contract Under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

Mayor Barra indicated that this was for use of the Houston-Galveston Co-Op that the Borough joined in 2013. The Borough is looking to purchase a Fire Pumper Truck through this National Co-Op.

*Mayor's Report*

The Mayor stated that he met with individuals working with the County Executive's Office with regard to potentially joining the Bergen County Co-Op for Electric and Natural Gas. At this point they are projecting that Allendale could save anywhere from \$75,000 to \$100,000 per year in

electric costs alone. The contract with Allendale would expire in December of 2015 at which time a re-negotiation of rates will take place.

The Mayor noted that he and Councilwoman White have been meeting with surrounding municipalities to see if there is an interest in started a shared dispatching service. One municipality that they spoke to expressed interest, so they are looking to move forward with an intent agreement that has been drawn up by both municipalities.

Councilman Bernstein asked which Committee was meeting with the other municipalities and if the Police Chief had been notified of the conversations.

Mayor Barra indicated that as part of the Finance Committee he and Councilwoman White were attending meetings with other municipalities to see if there was any preliminary interest in exploring a shared dispatch. He further stated that once basic interest(s) were establish the respective Police Departments and Communication Departments would be brought to the table to work out logistics and system requirements of the joining municipality.

On a motion by Councilwoman White the Work Session was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Casais  
Municipal Clerk