

Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale  
Work Session Meeting Minutes  
May 26, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Elizabeth White and Council members Ari Bernstein, Liz Homan (arrived at 8:04 p.m.), Jackie McSwiggan, Steve Sasso, Jim Strauch, and Amy Wilczynski

ABSENT: None

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 May 26, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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.”

**Public Comment:**

Paul Tuzzio, 254 W. Allendale Avenue, advised that there had been a horseshoe pit behind the Red Barn which has been removed. He requested that it be put back and offered to donate wood if the Borough would be willing to donate sand.

Councilwoman Wilczynski advised that she would place this topic on the next Facilities Committee agenda for consideration but expressed her belief that it would not be an issue.

Councilman Bernstein expressed concern about safety as the stakes would be protruding from the ground. Mr. Tuzzio advised that the players would bring the stakes with them and remove them once they are done playing.

Shaun Raney, 48 Mallinson Street, referenced the recent ordinance passed regarding the use of drones and questioned how it ties in with regulations passed by the FAA, noting that the FAA is the only regulatory agency permitted to pass regulations regarding the use of aircraft.

Borough Attorney Wiss responded that Mr. Raney is correct in that this issue is subject to a national discussion on whether there is preemption by the FAA guidelines. He advised that the best decisional law was a regulation to a certain height but noted that in the future there will most likely be a full legal challenge. He advised that the Borough's ordinance comports with what appears to be acceptable guidelines at this juncture.

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Mr. Raney inquired whether it would be possible to designate an area as “drone-friendly.”

Mayor White advised that this idea will be discussed further at both the upcoming Land Use and Public Safety Committee meetings.

**Administration:**

A. Pending COAH Litigation

Mayor White advised that a letter has been sent to District 40 Legislators regarding legislation that is pending to remove the gap year period. She noted that she had a line inserted into this letter advising that Allendale has spent approximately \$85,000 since January 2015 to defend its third round certified plan. She commented that she would love to see this legislation adopted to help with the Borough’s COAH issues.

B. Agenda Review

Mayor White reviewed the Regular Session agenda. She explained the purposes of the ordinances being adopted this evening, noting that Councilman Bernstein made some minor grammatical revisions to Ordinance 16-19.

She then reviewed the resolutions on the Consent Agenda. She explained that Resolution #16-156 which honors the Bergen Volunteer Center on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary amends the resolution that was adopted previously to add statistics specific to Allendale.

With respect to Resolution #16-158 which authorizes the release of Trinity Episcopal Church’s Surety Guaranty, Mayor White thanked Mike Vreeland, Municipal Engineer, and Melissa Daly, Technical Assistant to the Municipal Engineer, for their hard work in getting this project to this point.

In terms of Resolution #16-161, Councilman Sasso noted that those participating in this event are exempt from having to obtain a Garage Sale Permit. Mayor White explained that she has spoken to the Police Department about opening up a portion of Crestwood for those who do not want to hold a garage sale on their property or for those who have parking issues on their street.

Mayor White explained that Resolution #16-166 authorizes the purchase of a new vehicle for the Police Department through the Cranford Cooperative. She noted that they purchase one new vehicle annually and advised that this vehicle is being outfitted to ensure that safety is being taken into account.

C. Mayor’s Report

Mayor White announced that the Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday and a plaque will be dedicated in honor of Stiles Thomas. There will be a get together at the Firehouse after the parade and the Annual Rugby Event will take place at Crestwood

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in the afternoon. The proceeds from this event will support the Paramus Veterans Home.

Mayor White reported that each member of the governing body has made donations to the Torch Run which is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>. The Police Department will be participating in this event.

D. Council Reports

**Councilwoman McSwiggan** – Water, Sewer and Public Utilities

Councilwoman McSwiggan advised that the Water, Sewer and Public Utilities Committee met earlier today. They continued to focus on necessary infrastructure repairs. She thanked residents for their patience during the hydrant flushing which was a success and reminded them of the water restrictions which are in place year-round. She noted that enforcement of these restrictions will begin and a Swiftreach message will be sent as a reminder.

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

Councilman Sasso reported that the Land Use and Construction Code Committee met with the Borough Planner in order to get his input on the items being reviewed by the Committee. The Planner will be providing a report with his recommendations by the next committee meeting which is scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

Councilman Bernstein stated that the Administration, Finance, and Human Resources committee met on Monday. The CFO has advised that most budget numbers are in line with where they should be at this point in the year. Councilman Bernstein requested that everyone be mindful of their numbers throughout the year. He noted that the interns have started and are working out well. He thanked the Borough Clerk for Borough Code being brought up-to-date.

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

Councilwoman Wilczynski reported that the DPW has been hard at work getting Crestwood Lake ready for opening day on Saturday. She commented that it looks great and noted that there is a new island, trees have been planted and soil added to the side yard, and decking was replaced around the concession stand. She advised that the fountain and new pump are working.

Mayor White thanked the staff in the Administration Office for handling the large number of membership registrations as well as the DPW for their work in getting the lake ready for opening day.

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**Councilman Strauch** – Public Works

Councilman Strauch advised that the Public Works Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month and the next meeting is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m. He explained that although he will be unable to march in the Memorial Day Parade this year, he is coordinating with Joe Hart to set up tents with coolers for after the parade.

Mayor White thanked Councilman Strauch for his work with the Goose Patrol and noted all of the time and effort he has put into formalizing this program. She noted that the paving of Boroline Road will begin on or about June 6<sup>th</sup> and the paving of W. Allendale Avenue and the train station parking lot has been completed.

E. Staff Reports

Due to time constraints, this item was carried to the Regular Session agenda.

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 Strauch, second by Councilwoman McSwiggan, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Dodd, RMC  
Municipal Clerk