

Work Session Meeting  
Mayor and Council  
November 24, 2014

A Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale was called to order on November 24, 2014 at 7:30 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, White, Wilczynski and Mayor Barra. Councilman Strauch was absent. Mr. Valenzuela and Mr. Bole, were also present.

*Public Comments:*

Mayor Barra opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Ann Powley resident of Mahwah, gave a presentation on the Pilgrim Pipeline. Pilgrim is a private company that proposes to build two side by side pipelines, 470 miles, from Albany to Linden NJ. One pipeline will carry crude oil from Albany to Linden and the other direction it will carry the refined oil product such as kerosene or jet fuel, etc. back from the Linden refinery to Albany.

There were a number of people that spoke, including:

Peggy Bost - 121 Deerhaven Road Mahwah Ken Dos, Parsippany, NJ  
Harriet Sugarman - Adjunct Professor at Ramapo College  
Michael Katz - Member of group that maintains the Celery Farm  
Ken Dossian - Resident of Parsippany NJ

The concerns expressed by the group were:

- This proposed pipeline would go through the Ramapo River Watershed, the only water supply for our area. The EPA has designated this Watershed as a sole source aquifer.
- If there was a pipeline accident in the watershed aquifer, there would be no way to clean it.
- New Jersey has the largest number per square mile of Superfund Sites in the United States.
- The underground aquifers are all connected. If an aquifer was contaminated by a pipeline leak, the contamination would seep into the other aquifers. There is no way to clean an accident in an aquifer.
- None of the fuel from the pipeline would be used in New Jersey. It would be for the New England area or for export.
- The largest land oil spill in the history of the United States was a pinhole leak in a pipeline in North Dakota in October of 2013. It was possibly caused by a lightning strike and went undetected for two months spilling over 850,000 gallons of oil.
- First Responders are not trained for a potential event the size of a pipeline leak.
- Part of the pipeline route would parallel a natural gas pipeline, which could catastrophically compound an accident at the Pilgrim Pipeline.

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- The Ramapo fault goes through this area. In November of 2012 there was a level 2.0 earthquake reported in Mahwah.
- More oil is leaked by pipelines than all other kinds of oil leaks combined including ship, truck, rail, etc.

Ten communities have written resolutions against the Pilgrim pipeline; East Hanover, Chatham, Madison, Mahwah, Montvale Oakland, Parsippany, Watchung & two NY towns Rosendale, and New Paltz. The Passaic County Freeholders have also written a resolution against the Pipeline. The Group would like Allendale to pass a resolution against the pipeline. Pilgrim will be filing permits by the end of this year.

Mayor Barra felt that the group should look into addressing The Northwest Bergen County Mayor's association, which represents 13 communities.

*Agenda Review:*

Ordinance 14-26 Mayor Barra: This ordinance introduction changes Melissa Daly's title from Construction Clerk to Acting Technical Assistant. She is doing a great job.

Resolution 14-330 Mayor Barra: This Resolution will cancel the taxes on very small slivers of landlocked properties that cannot be built on.

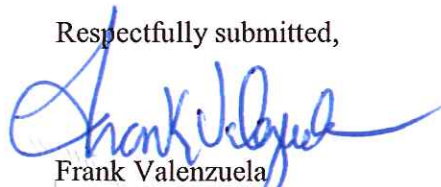
Resolution 14-333 Councilwoman Wilczynski: This is a Grant to redesign two ADA accessible bathrooms at the Red Barn. It will also be used to fix the ramp to these bathrooms.

Resolution 14-334 Councilwoman White: This is a Resolution to approve a proposal from Dewberry Engineers will complete the paperwork for the DEP.

*Adjournment:*

On a motion by Councilwoman White, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn to Regular Session at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank Valenzuela  
Acting Municipal Clerk