

Work Session Meeting  
Mayor and Council  
November 13, 2014

A Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale was called to order on November 13, 2014 at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Barra, who announced that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act were met by the required posting and notice of publication.

The following individuals answered roll call: Councilmembers Bernstein, Sasso, Strauch, White, and Wilczynski, as well as Mayor Barra. Councilwoman McSwiggan was absent. Mr. Valenzuela and Mr. Bole were also present.

*Public Comments:* There were no comments from the public.

*Agenda Review:*

Mayor Barra reviewed the Agenda. There was discussion about the introduction of Ordinance 14-22: Deer Feeding Prohibition. Councilman Strauch said that the Ordinance is based on the Princeton Model, which is specific to deer, bird feeding is not affected. An illegal deer feeding stand was found on the perimeter of the Celery Farm; this ordinance will provide authority to the Allendale Police to deal with issues like this one.

Mayor Barra said that because the Agreement with NWBCUA for TV Inspections of Sewers is an Interlocal, the agreement it is much more efficient and cost effective. It is also an ongoing program, not one time occurrence. These inspections have reduced our annual sewer charge by \$400,000.

Resolutions 14-318 and 14-319 will put dollars that were not used for old Bond Ordinances back into the Capital surplus. Some were funded, some were not. Cancellation of General Capital Ordinances for a total of \$242,614.97.

**Resolution 14-320:** Approval of the Allendale Chamber of Commerce  
Holiday Walk on December 5, 2014.

**Resolution 14-322:** Approval for the Municipal Attorney to defend Borough and Custodian of records in the matter of D'Antonio vs. Borough of Allendale GRC complaint 2014-220.

Mr. Bole: This is a complaint filed by Michael D'Antonio. Mr. D'Antonio has filed numerous litigations against the Borough, and has cost the Borough of Allendale hundreds of thousands of dollars. Mr. D'Antonio has had 24 attorneys and numerous litigations against the Borough. In the Calm Development case in Superior Court and after 2 years in the courts, every one of the charges were dismissed. The case was dismissed in its entirety.

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Councilwoman White: The bill from JIF for this litigation was \$227,825.10. The Borough's portion of this bill was \$30,000.

General Discussion: The litigation affects our loss ratio because JIF had to pay out the money. Every one of the charges was dismissed. Mr. D'Antonio has been doing this for fifteen years and every case and every charge has been thrown out.

Mr. Valenzuela asked for a motion to open up a hearing on the 2014 Bergen County Open Space Trust Grant Application submitted to Bergen County for \$78,000.

Councilwoman White made a motion to open up a hearing on the 2014 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Grant; seconded by Councilman Strauch.

On roll call: Aye – Bernstein, Strauch, Sasso, White, Wilczynski.

*Public Comments:* There were no comments from the public.

Councilwoman Wilczynski made a motion to close the hearing on the 2014 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Grant; seconded by Councilman Sasso.

On roll call: Aye – Bernstein, Strauch, Sasso, White, Wilczynski.

Councilwoman Wilczynski made a motion to approve the 2014 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Grant; seconded by Councilman Strauch.

On Roll Call: Aye – Bernstein, Strauch, Sasso, White, Wilczynski.

On a motion by Councilman Strauch, seconded by Councilwoman McSwiggan, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn Work Session at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank Valenzuela  
Acting Municipal Clerk