

Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale
Work Session Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2017

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

ABSENT: Councilmember 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 November 16, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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:

Mark Savastano, 22 Vreeland Place, expressed his appreciation, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, to the Mayor and Council for their support with respect to Festival Day. He further thanked Mayor White for her role as a judge in the car show. He inquired whether the cost information for this event is available.

Mayor White advised that she will provide him with this information.

Presentations:

A. Proclamation – Distracted Driving Awareness

Lauren Caruso, 16 Dogwood Drive, and Lindsey Knutzen, 427 Paul Avenue, members of the Northern Highlands Regional High School’s business club, DECA, advised that their chapter project is to raise awareness regarding distracted driving within the community, specifically targeting the parents and students of Northern Highlands.

Mayor White commented that the governing body is so pleased to support this project and read the following proclamation into the record:

DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS DAY

Whereas, *distracted driving is a serious, life threatening practice that is preventable; and*

Whereas, *distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity which includes texting and talking on the phone, adjusting the radio, eating, drinking coffee, picking up items from the floor, and more; and*

Whereas, *distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users including motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists; and*

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Whereas, Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 9 people are killed every day in the United States as a result of crashes involving a distracted driver; and

Whereas, in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction, Northern Highlands' business club, DECA, has decided to focus its public relations project on educating the community on distracted driving; and

Whereas, the governing body of the Borough of Allendale recognizes the importance of supporting such a great campaign.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, do hereby proclaim November 20, 2017 as Distracted Driving Awareness Day in the Borough of Allendale and pledge to support the efforts of Northern Highlands Regional High School's business club, DECA, to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

B. Proclamation – Calvary Lutheran Church

Mayor White read the following proclamation into the record:

Calvary Lutheran Church 60 Years of Ministry

Whereas, this year marks 60 years of ministry at Calvary Lutheran Church and 500 years of the Reformation; and

Whereas, Calvary Lutheran Church was incorporated on March 14, 1956 as a mission congregation of the Evangelical Church; and

Whereas, Calvary Lutheran Church was formed as a result of several local Lutheran families who had been worshiping in Allendale's former firehouse since 1954; and

Whereas, the congregation of Calvary Lutheran Church first broke ground at 165 W. Crescent Avenue in 1956; and

Whereas, Calvary Lutheran Church has had four pastors over the past 60 years, Reverend Luther Keay from 1956 until 1962, Reverend John Nelson from 1962 to 1998, Reverend Bruce Bassett, Jr. from 1998 to 2012, and Reverend Jenny McLellan from 2012 to present; and

Whereas, Calvary Lutheran Church seeks to welcome people from all walks of life with Sunday morning worship that is joyful and relaxed; and

Whereas, Calvary Lutheran Church has had a few notable ministries which include African missionary support for over 28 years, contributing to the founding of Koinonia, a church camp in Highland Lake New York, and resettlement of a Vietnam refugee family in the late 1970s; and

Whereas, Calvary Lutheran Church is most memorably known within the community for the nursery school that they ran for 25 years.

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Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, in recognition of 60 years of ministry within this community, hereby proclaim Sunday, November 19, 2017 in the Borough of Allendale as:

“CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH DAY”

C. Allendale Fire Department

Ryan Shute, Fire Chief, John Rabino, Assistant Fire Chief, and Tom Smith, Fire Captain, were present to discuss the purchase of a used ladder truck for the Allendale Fire Department. Captain Smith highlighted the reasons that the current truck is in need of replacement which included the age of the truck, maintenance costs, the Borough’s ISO rating, and difficulty in finding parts. He noted that the cost to purchase a new truck would be approximately \$1.3 million and specifications would need to be prepared and the truck ordered within the next 2 years in order for the truck to be received in time. The idea of purchasing a used ladder truck was explored and Captain Smith advised that after 6 months of searching, they have found a used truck that would meet the needs of this department. He reviewed the specifications of this truck, noting the cost would be \$325,000 and an additional \$75,000 would be needed for AFD needs and equipment replacement. He advised that the service records have been obtained and it was well-maintained. The broker through which this ladder truck was found could also be used to sell the current ladder truck.

Mayor White advised that a resolution to authorize the receipt of bids for a used fire truck has been placed on the Consent Agenda for consideration.

Councilwoman Wilczynski commended the members of the Fire Department for their time and research. She noted that a ladder truck was necessary during Hurricane Sandy and Allendale would need a ladder truck should a storm of this nature occur again.

Administration:

Due to time constraints, all items under Administration were carried to the Regular Session. There were no correspondence items.

- A. Agenda Review
- B. Mayor’s Report
- C. Council Reports.
- D. Staff Reports
- E. Correspondence

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilman Sasso, second by Councilwoman Homan, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Anne Dodd, RMC
Municipal Clerk