

Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale
Work Session Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2017

PRESENT: Mayor Elizabeth White and Councilmembers Ari Bernstein (arrived at 7:31 p.m.), Jackie McSwiggan, Steve Sasso, Jim Strauch, and Amy Wilczynski

ABSENT: Councilmember Liz Homan

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 September 28, 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:

No one came forward.

Presentations:

A. Proclamation – Frieda Falcke

Mayor White expressed that she was honored to attend Frieda Facke’s birthday celebration on Saturday and commented that it was a lovely event. She read the proclamation in honor of Ms. Falcke into the record:

**Proclamation
In Appreciation Of
Frieda Falcke**

WHEREAS, Frieda Falcke will be honored by friends and relatives on the occasion of her 100th birthday on September 23, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Frieda was born in Ozone Park, NY on September 19, 1917; and

WHEREAS, Frieda moved to the Borough of Allendale in 1944 and has been a resident of this community for 73 years; and

WHEREAS, Frieda served as the Deputy Tax Collector for the Borough of Allendale from 1961 to 1973; and

WHEREAS, Frieda married H. Charles Falcke on May 1, 1948 at Zion Lutheran Church in Saddle River, New Jersey; and

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WHEREAS, Frieda and Charles were married for 39 years and this marriage was blessed with two children, Karen Falcke Smith and Sandra Falcke Parra; and

WHEREAS, Frieda has two step grandchildren, Maryellen Rousseau and Christopher Smith, and two step great grandchildren, Bethany and Matthew Rousseau; and

WHEREAS, during a long and productive lifetime, she has demonstrated in countless ways her dedication to the welfare of others, particularly through her volunteer work at Bergen Pines for 26 years as well as with the Valley Hospital.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale that September 23, 2017 shall be designated

Frieda Falcke Day

throughout the Borough of Allendale and warmest wishes are extended to her by all citizens in celebration of her life.

Assemblyman Rooney was in attendance to present a resolution on behalf of Assemblyman Russo and himself in honor of Ms. Falcke. He expressed that, although he has attended many meetings in Allendale, this meeting is one of the most joyous occasions that he has had the opportunity to celebrate here.

Ms. Falcke commented that she is very proud of this town and advised that her late husband played an important role in Allendale government, a fact that she would like noted.

Karen Smith, Ms. Falcke's daughter, thanked the Mayor and Council for presenting a proclamation in honor of her mother's 100th birthday. She noted that her mother calls the Allendale Police Department everyday with the assurance that they are checking in on her. She advised that her mother has commented on how friendly and caring the officers to whom she has spoken have been. She explained that, in honor of her mother's 100th birthday, she and her sister are donating \$100 to the Allendale Police Department, noting the value of the services that they provide to the community as well as the services provided by the Ambulance Corp, Fire Department and the governing body.

Administration:

A. Bond Anticipation Note Sale – Determination & Award Certificate

Mayor White explained that two ordinances, one from 2016 and one from 2017, that were previously unfunded have now been funded as a result of this note sale. She advised that the Borough received a 2.25% interest rate per annum.

(See Determination & Award Certificate, attached and made a part hereof.)

B. Agenda Review

Mayor White reviewed the Regular Session agenda. She advised that the September 14th Special Work Session and Regular Session have been listed for approval.

Mayor White explained that Ordinance 17-12, which is listed for adoption, authorizes the Borough to charge property owners for assistance with sewer blockages that are on the property owner's line.

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Ordinance 17-13 is a capital ordinance which appropriates the sum of \$155,000 for the water main improvement project on Colonial, Dogwood, and Surrey and Ordinance 17-14 reappropriates funds from the bond ordinance adopted in 2016 to fund the second part of this project.

In terms of Ordinance 17-15, Councilman Sasso explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to confirm the Police Chief's authority to approve the posting of temporary signs in the interest of public safety such as signs regarding road closings or detours.

Mayor White reviewed the resolutions on the Consent Agenda. She highlighted Resolution #17-246 which opposes legislation regarding OPRA and OPMA, noting that this mandate is unfunded and unnecessary. She commented that the amount of time that the Municipal Clerk spends on frivolous OPRA requests is unconscionable.

In terms of Resolution #17-247, she explained that the 2014 Municipal Aid Program came in under budget and this resolution authorizes the transfer of the surplus funds.

With respect to Resolution #17-248, which authorizes a proposal from Suez to clean and reline water mains along Colonial, Surrey, and Dogwood, Mayor White noted that the Water Committee has worked hard to determine how best to fund this project. She expressed her opinion that this proposal is the best way to move forward to address this issue.

C. Mayor's Report

Mayor White reported that she attended a party hosted by Fyke Nature Association on Sunday to welcome Deedee Burnside to Allendale. She presented a proclamation to her on behalf of the governing body as she has been a huge Fyke supporter for many years.

The Borough was notified that Allendale and Upper Saddle River have been awarded a Drug-Free Community Mentoring Grant by the White House Drug Policy Office in the amount of \$150,000, \$75,000 of which is for 2017 and \$75,000 for 2018. She expressed her belief that this grant will allow the coalition that Allendale has formed with Upper Saddle River, Saddle River, Ho-Ho-Kus, and Ramsey to make a major impact. Mayor White noted that this grant is one of only three that were given out nationwide. She explained that the Township of Mahwah is the mentor for this grant and after being mentored for two years, Allendale can apply for \$125,000 annually for the following five years. She expressed her gratitude to Mayor Minichetti and her Police Chief as well as the Allendale Police Department for putting the Borough on this path.

Mayor White announced that the Borough was also chosen to receive the 2017 Municipal Housing Award for Supportive Housing. She advised that Tom Toronto of Bergen County United Way nominated the Borough and on December 1st Mayor White will attend their conference to receive said award.

D. Council Reports.

Councilman Strauch – Public Works

Councilman Strauch reported that the Public Works Committee has not met since the last Mayor and Council meeting and the next meeting is scheduled on October 11th. He noted that the gas main project is still ongoing.

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Mayor White reported that the milling of downtown and W. Maple Avenue will begin shortly, advising that the sidewalk repairs have started on W. Maple today. The sidewalk repairs downtown will begin on October 9th so as to not interfere with Allendale Day and milling and paving will both be completed on the same day.

Due to time constraints, the remaining Council Reports were carried to the Regular Session.

E. Staff Reports

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

F. 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 Councilman Bernstein, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Anne Dodd, RMC
Municipal Clerk