A Work Session of the Mayor and Council was called to order at 8:00 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: Council members Bernstein, LaMonica, Schoepflin, Strauch, White, Wilczynski and Mayor Barra. Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. Bole were also present.

**Mayor’s Report**

The Borough of Allendale got an environmental award for 2011 from the Passaic River Coalition. Mr. Barra gave a copy of the award to everyone on the Council. In getting this award the Passaic River Coalition recognized Allendale for everything that is done here but particularly for the Celery Farm and that 24 acres at the end of Heather that were sold to the Passaic River Coalition to be preserved as Wetlands. The property will not be used for recreational facilities of any type although the public will be able to walk there. Allendale will work with the Passaic River Coalition to keep the area as pristine as possible.

Mr. Strauch added that the wetlands are high resource wetlands that include the Smokis Voll Brook.

Mayor Barra said construction will begin on the Crescent Commons housing in the next two weeks.

**Public Comments**

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comments but there were none.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen McCarthy
Municipal Clerk