

Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
December 22, 2016

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Attorney Ray Wiss
Municipal Clerk Anne Dodd

A Regular 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 December 22, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 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."

The Mayor led those present in a salute to the flag.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Councilwoman McSwiggan, second by Councilman Sasso, that the Minutes of December 8, 2016 Work Session and December 8, 2016 Regular Session are approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilman Bernstein:	aye	Councilman Sasso:	aye
Councilwoman Homan:	aye	Councilman Strauch:	aye
Councilwoman McSwiggan:	aye	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

Public Comment

No one came forward.

Consent Agenda

- A. **16-302**/Approval of Bill List
- B. **16-303**/Authorize Budget Transfers
- C. **16-304**/Authorize Refund – Water Overpayment
- D. **16-305**/Designate the Borough of Allendale as a Stigma Free Zone

Motion by Councilman Sasso, second by Councilwoman McSwiggan, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

On a roll call, the vote on the Consent Agenda was recorded as follows:

Councilman Bernstein:	aye	Councilman Sasso:	aye
Councilwoman Homan:	aye	Councilman Strauch:	aye
Councilwoman McSwiggan:	aye	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

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All members present voting in favor, the Consent Agenda was approved.

Resolution 16-302

List of Bills

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that it hereby approves the Bill List dated December 22, 2016 in the amounts of:

Current Fund	\$2,260,303.06
Payroll Account	\$222,817.36
General Capital	\$7,899.28
Animal Fund	\$1.20
COAH/Housing Trust	\$768.75
Improvement & Beautifica	\$0.00
Unemployment Fund	\$0.00
Trust Fund	\$14,732.00
Water Operating	\$82,274.32
Water Capital	\$17,765.85
Total	\$2,606,561.82

Resolution 16-303

BUDGET TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, Budget Transfers are permitted during the last two months of the current year and the first three months of the following year;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Mayor & Council of the Borough of Allendale that the following transfers be made between the following 2016 Budget Appropriations:

DEPARTMENT	FROM	TO
Telephones, O.E.		\$12,000
Police, O.E.		\$2,000
Police, S&W		\$20,000
Salary & Wage Adjustment	\$20,000	
Emergency Mgmt. Services	\$2,000	
Gas, Natural, O.E.	\$12,000	
Totals	\$34,000	\$34,000

Return of Water Overpayment

Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Water Collector is hereby authorized to issue the following check on the account listed below and charge same to Water Rents for 2016 in connection with an overpayment:

Account Number	Name	Amount
311 6388517370	E. Johnson 31 Colonial Drive Allendale, NJ 07401	\$3,000.00

Resolution 16-305

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Executive and the Board of Chosen Freeholders, along with the Bergen County Department of Health Services, supports the designation of **Stigma Free Zones** across the County and within every municipality, and;

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Mental Health reports that 1 in 4 adults [approximately 61.5 million Americans] experiences mental illness in a given year; 1 in 17 adults live with a serious mental illness such as schizophrenia, major depression or bipolar disorder, and approximately 20% of youth ages 13 to 18 experience severe mental disorders in a given year and for ages 8 to 15, the estimate is 13 percent, and;

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with the disease of mental illness is identified as the primary reason individuals fail to seek the help they need to recover from the disease, and;

WHEREAS, **Stigma Free Zones** aim to inspire public interest and open dialogues around Stigma, raise awareness of the disease of mental illness and create a culture wherein residents who have the disease of mental illness feel supported by their community and neighbors and free to seek treatment for the disease without fear of stigma, and;

WHEREAS, promoting awareness that there can be no “health” without mental health will break down barriers and encourage residents of all ages to be mindful of their mental health and ask for help when needed, and;

WHEREAS, local resources are available to treat the disease of mental illness so no one resident needs to suffer alone or feel hopeless, and;

WHEREAS, establishing Stigma Free Zones will raise awareness of resources and encourage residents to engage in care as soon as the need is identified so recovery can begin, hope is inspired and tragedies are avoided, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Allendale recognizes the community needs and supports the efforts of the County of Bergen in designating Borough of Allendale as a Stigma Free Zone.

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Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Council Committee Reports and Comments

This agenda item was addressed during the Work Session.

Staff Reports:

This agenda item was addressed during the Work Session.

Public Comment on any issue:

No one came forward.

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 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Dodd, RMC
Municipal Clerk