

Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale
Work Session Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2018

PRESENT: Mayor Elizabeth White and Councilmembers Ari Bernstein, Liz Homan, Edward O'Connell, Steve Sasso, Jim Strauch (arrived at 7:47 p.m.) and Amy Wilczynski

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Attorney Raymond 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 13, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Elizabeth 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."

Presentations:

A. Recognition of Allendale Police Department Members – August 12, 2018 Infant CPR Save

Mayor White stated that the governing body is thrilled to honor Officer Kevin Azevedo, Officer Alex Helmer, and 9-1-1 Operator Chelsea Ferrara of the Allendale Police Department who were involved in a very serious incident in which an infant was not breathing. She noted that the community relies on this department every day to be ready for any given incident. As Ms. Ferrara was not able to attend this meeting, she asked Officers Azevedo and Helmer to come forward to present them each with a Certificate of Commendation and then read the following letters into the record:

"Dear Kevin:

On behalf of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, I would like to take this opportunity to formally recognize and thank you for your heroic efforts during the infant CPR save that took place on August 12, 2018. It is impossible to adequately express our gratitude for your actions during this emergency situation as the CPR that you administered was critical in saving the life of this infant who was unresponsive upon arrival.

We understand the importance of your role, not only during this rescue, but every day in serving the residents of Allendale. You knowingly and willingly risk your life to protect the lives of others on a daily basis and the governing body extends its sincere appreciation for this invaluable service that you provide to the community.

Dear Alex:

On behalf of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, I would like to take this opportunity to formally recognize and thank you for your heroic efforts during the infant CPR save that took place on August 12, 2018. It is impossible to adequately express our gratitude for your

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B. Recognition of Nicholas Daloisio and Danny Lohrey for their honesty and trustworthiness by returning a lost wallet

Mayor White explained that Nicholas Daloisio and Danny Lohrey found a wallet at Crestwood Lake which contained \$75 and brought this wallet to Borough Hall. She commended them both for doing the right thing and commented that she is so impressed and so grateful. She noted that Mr. Lohrey was unable to attend the meeting this evening. She presented Nicholas Daloisio with a Certificate of Commendation and read the following letter into the record:

“Dear Nicholas:

On behalf of the governing body of the Borough of Allendale, I would like to take this opportunity to formally recognize and thank you for returning the lost wallet that you found at Crestwood Lake in July. Your honesty and trustworthiness in returning this wallet is to be commended. Allendale is such a special community because of residents like you who go above and beyond to help others, and we are especially impressed because of your age. The governing body would like to express its sincere appreciation for your act of good citizenship.”

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

Administration:

A. Agenda Review

Mayor White reviewed the Regular Session agenda. She advised that the August 23, 2018 Work and Regular Session Minutes are listed for approval.

Mayor White then reviewed the ordinances which are listed for introduction, noting that several of these ordinances are being adopted to conclude the affordable housing settlement that has been entered into with the Fair Share Housing Center. She explained that Ordinance 18-13 establishes the requirements for the Borough’s affordable housing, Ordinance 18-14 establishes an overlay zone, known as MFRO-4, on the Allendale Corporate Center on Boroline Road, Ordinance 18-15 establishes an overlay zone, known as MFRO-5, on Guardian Angel Church, and Ordinance 18-16 establishes an overlay zone, known as MFRO-2, on the Ramsey Golf Course. She commended the committee who reviewed these ordinances for the many hours that they devoted, noting that care was taken to be specific in terms of lighting and setbacks. She advised that these ordinances will be sent to the Land Use Board for their review and recommendations with respect to consistency with the Master Plan. The Borough Planner, Ed Sniekus, will attend the September 19th Land Use Board meeting as well as the September 27th Mayor and Council meeting. Mayor White advised that

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Ordinance 18-18, known as the “No-Knock Ordinance,” will allow residents to register with the Borough Clerk’s office to be placed on a no-knock list to prohibit solicitation at their home. This list will be provided to the Police Department to distribute to solicitors when applying for a permit. She noted that the penalties are severe for noncompliance. Residents who register will be provided with a sticker to place on their doors should they wish. Ordinance 18-19 prohibits parking on a portion of Elbrook Drive between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. With respect to Ordinance 18-20, Councilman Sasso explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit the sale of marijuana in the Borough of Allendale with the exception of the sale of medicinal marijuana which will be permitted in the E and EM Zones. Mayor White noted that this ordinance is being put forward at the recommendation of the Police Chief and has been reviewed by the Board of Health members who are in support of its adoption.

Mayor White then reviewed the resolutions on the Consent Agenda. She highlighted Resolution #18-214, explaining that this resolution authorizes the payment of health benefits for the wife of a Police Officer who had passed away while he was still employed with the Borough of Allendale. She advised that Resolutions #18-219 and #18-220 both pertain to the submission of the NJ DOT grant application for the Phase 2 Downtown Improvements. She commented that \$225,000 was received for Phase 1 and it is hoped that, at minimum, the same amount will be received for Phase 2.

B. Changes in Recycling Market Discussion

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was not addressed.

C. Mayor’s Report

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

D. Council Reports

Councilman O’Connell – Public Works

Councilman O’Connell reported that the monthly street sweeping will begin on Monday. He advised that a tree fell at Crestwood and no one was hurt. Mr. Kistner is working the Borough Risk Manager on the claims for vehicle damage and proposals are awaited to replace the fence and to remove the stump. He commended the DPW employees for the great job that they did in cleaning up the debris. The program to straighten street signs has begun. The DPW also assisted in setting up for the 9/11 Ceremony at Crestwood Lake.

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.

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Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted

Anne Dodd, RMC
Municipal Clerk