

Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
December 27, 2018

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Attorney Raymond 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 27, 2018. 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 Councilman Bernstein, second by Councilman O'Connell, that the Minutes of December 13, 2018 Work Session and December 13, 2018 Regular Session are approved.

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

Councilman Bernstein:	aye	Councilman Sasso:	aye
Councilwoman Homan:	abstain	Councilman Strauch:	aye
Councilman O'Connell:	aye	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

Public Comment

No one came forward.

Public Hearings for Advertised Ordinances:

Ordinance 18-23

The Municipal Clerk read into the record:

The following ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on December 11, 2018 and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal building.

ORDINANCE 18-23 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, SUPPLEMENT AND REVISE THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE, CHAPTER 100-3, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FEES

Public Comments on Ordinance 18-23

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No one came forward.

Motion by Councilman Strauch, second by Councilman Sasso, that Ordinance 18-23 be passed on second and final reading and is hereby adopted and notice of same shall be published according to law.

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

Councilman Bernstein:	aye	Councilman Sasso:	aye
Councilwoman Homan:	aye	Councilman Strauch:	aye
Councilman O'Connell:	aye	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

(See Ordinance 18-23 attached and made a part hereof.)

Consent Agenda

- A. **18-267**/Approval of Bill List
- B. **18-268**/Schedule 2019 Reorganization Meeting
- C. **18-269**/Oppose Construction of North Bergen Liberty Generating Power Plant
- D. **18-270**/Cancel Unexpended Water Utility Operating Fund Balances
- E. **18-271**/Authorize Water Bill Adjustment – Rohsler
- F. **18-272**/Authorize Budget Transfers
- G. **18-273**/Authorize Contract – Workplace Alcohol & Drug Testing
- H. **18-274**/Authorize Continued Participation in Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System
- I. **18-275**/Authorize Lease of Police Vehicle – 2019 Dodge Charger – Cranford Cooperative Pricing System
- J. **18-276**/Authorize Lease of Police Vehicle – 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe – Cranford Cooperative Pricing System

Motion by Councilman Strauch, second by Councilwoman Homan, 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
Councilman O'Connell:	aye	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

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

Resolution 18-267

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 27, 2018 in the amounts of:

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Current Fund	\$1,414,602.79
Payroll Account	\$177,338.83
General Capital	\$11,421.34
Animal Fund	\$0.00
Grant Fund	\$0.00
COAH/Housing Trust	\$3,094.62
Improvement & Beautification	\$0.00
Unemployment Fund	\$0.00
Trust Fund	\$0.00
Water Operating	\$52,649.60
Water Capital	\$0.00
Total	\$1,659,107.18

Resolution 18-268

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 Reorganization Meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 500 West Crescent Avenue, Allendale, NJ 07401.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Record, Star Ledger, and Ridgewood News, as well as be posted on the Borough Hall Bulletin Board and Borough Website.

Resolution 18-269

WHEREAS, Los Angeles-based Diamond Generating Corporation, a subsidiary of Mitsubishi, has proposed and has requested permits to build a \$1.5B, 1,200-MW natural gas-fired power plant in North Bergen, NJ on a 15-acre parcel near Railroad Avenue on the banks of Bellman's Creek. The electric energy produced by this plant would be transmitted by a 6.5 mile, 345-kV underground and submarine cable under the Hudson River via the Susquehanna Tunnel to connect with ConEd's substation on West 49th Street in Manhattan. All of this electricity would be used by ConEd in New York. The project is anticipating permit approvals by the Environmental Protection Agency and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection by the end of 2019, and to be operational by 2022; and

WHEREAS, this natural gas plant would be one of the largest sources of air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Allendale has a principal responsibility to protect the health and safety of its residents, businesses and institutions; and

WHEREAS, the people and environment of New Jersey have been increasingly subjected to a build-out of natural gas infrastructure, including but not limited to pipelines and distribution networks, compressor stations, power plants, combustion heating systems, metering and regulation stations, and pigging stations; and

WHEREAS, peer-reviewed scientific studies link exposure between air pollutants emitted from natural gas infrastructure facilities and neurological, cardiovascular and respiratory disease, cancer, birth defects, and other adverse health impacts. Acute health impacts from these toxic

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exposures can cause burning eyes, headaches, breathing difficulty and nausea for nearby populations and can exacerbate health problems. Chronic health impacts can include certain types of cancer as well as damage to lungs, liver, kidneys, reproductive, nervous and cardiovascular systems; and

WHEREAS, the American Medical Association acknowledges the hazards of natural gas infrastructure and associated adverse health impacts; and

WHEREAS, the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) are based on average population risks across a large area over a long period of time but do not adequately address human toxicity for residents living in close proximity to natural gas infrastructure or where they are subject to episodic high exposures during events such as blowdowns; and

WHEREAS, on Feb. 7, 2010 a gas blow operation was being performed at the Kleen Energy Systems LLC power plant construction site in Middletown, Conn. in which flammable natural gas was pumped under high pressure through new fuel gas lines to remove debris. During this operation, an extremely large amount of natural gas was vented into areas where it could not easily disperse. Welding and other work was being performed nearby, creating an extremely dangerous situation. An explosion occurred when the gas contacted an ignition source taking the lives of six workers and injuring 50 others; and,

WHEREAS, the top 11 electric plant operators in the U.S. have been fined over \$13.3B since 2000 for 161 environmental violations, and

WHEREAS, current protocols used for assessing compliance with ambient air quality standards do not adequately determine intensity, frequency or durations of actual human exposures to pollutants and mixtures of pollutants emitted from natural gas infrastructure, noting that periodic 24-hour average measures can underestimate actual exposures by an order of magnitude;

WHEREAS, gas infrastructure facilities can annually emit into the air hundreds of tons of pollutants including particulate matter, toxic chemicals such as sulfur dioxide, mercury, and criteria pollutants (such as nitrogen oxides which cause smog, acid rain and contribute to ozone production), some of which are known carcinogens such as benzene and formaldehyde, and can also be sources of radioactive contamination and are known to increase the severity of asthma and other respiratory diseases. Particulate matter, once inhaled, can affect the heart and lungs and cause serious health effects including lung cancer. Long-term exposure to ozone is linked to aggravation of asthma, emphysema, and chronic bronchitis, and it is likely to be one of many causes of asthma development. Long-term exposures to ozone may also be linked to permanent lung damage, such as abnormal lung development in children. Both ozone and particulate pollution have been linked to premature death, cardiovascular harm and increased susceptibility to infections. Recent studies have also linked air pollution to increases in obesity, diabetes, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia and stroke. People most at risk from breathing air containing ozone include people with asthma, children, older adults, and people who are active outdoors, especially outdoor workers; and

WHEREAS, people who live or work in close proximity to natural gas infrastructure facilities such as power plants and compressors are most at risk—particularly developing fetuses, children, the elderly, and those with cardiovascular, lung or respiratory problems and other vulnerable subpopulations, although under certain weather and terrain conditions, these pollutants can have

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a wider impact. Some homes in New Jersey are within 3,000 feet of the proposed plant and Harlem/Upper Manhattan (where one in four children suffers from asthma), which is downwind of the prevailing winds, is within 3.6 miles; and

WHEREAS, based on the American Lung Association “State of the Air 2018” report, the counties of Bergen and Hudson, which will be most impacted by emissions from this power plant already have significant populations (in some cases the largest in New Jersey), with pediatric and adult asthma, COPD, lung cancer, cardiovascular disease and diabetes, whose conditions will only be exacerbated by additional volumes of air pollution; and

WHEREAS, developing fetuses and children are uniquely vulnerable to exposures as they receive proportionally greater doses of pollutants than adults and have immature organs and detoxification systems; and

WHEREAS, methane is the primary ingredient of natural gas and leaks at every system stage, including extraction, processing, transmission, distribution, and end-use consumption; and

WHEREAS, methane is an extremely potent greenhouse gas with a global warming potential that is 34 times that of carbon dioxide over a 100-year timeframe and 86 times that of carbon dioxide over a 20-year timeframe; and

WHEREAS, methane emissions from gas power plants may be considerably higher than previously thought. A 2017 study found that gas-fired power plants released more than 20 times more methane than the facilities had estimated; and

WHEREAS, Bergen County and Hudson County (proposed site of the North Bergen plant) already receive grades of ‘F’ from the American Lung Association for ozone air pollution, the new plant will increase the concentration of ground ozone, increase the health hazards and risks from this pollutant and make it even more difficult to reduce the level of this pollutant. Conditions such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)—a long-lasting obstruction of the airways—can be exacerbated by even small increases in elevated ozone levels (e.g., an increment of 10 ppb), with a corresponding effect on public health and health care costs. As with chronic lung disease, even a small increase in the previous week’s average ozone level has substantial effects on death rates. One study showed that a small (10 ppb) increase in ozone pollution was associated with a 0.52 percent increase in deaths per day. This study found that an estimated 3,700 deaths annually in the U.S. could be attributed to this small increase in daily ozone levels; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey’s environmental justice communities already have some of the worst air quality in the nation, building another massive gas power plant will only exacerbate their plight; and

WHEREAS, municipalities to the North and Northeast of the proposed gas-fired plants will be particularly impacted by the Palisades ridge to the East that will prevent pollution from being easily dispersed to the East on prevailing westerly winds; and

WHEREAS, the proposed gas-fired electric plant will be approximately one mile from an existing gas-fired electric plant operated by PSE&G that is already one of the largest sources of air pollution in New Jersey and which already produces over 2 million metric tons of CO₂ annually; and

WHEREAS, of the top 10 companies (parent corporations) most penalized for environmental

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violations in the US, nine are in the petroleum and energy industry and five are in the electric energy production industry (American Electric Power, Duke Energy, Dominion Energy, FirstEnergy and Alliant Energy); and

WHEREAS, the proposed gas-fired plant will produce limited economic benefits to the town of North Bergen and, to a lesser degree, surrounding towns, this will primarily occur during the construction phase (due, in part, to the fact that NJ electrical generating equipment is exempt from property tax) and after that the residents of these towns will continue to incur the health care costs associated with increased pollution for another 30 to 40 years;

WHEREAS, the annual health impacts of burning 1 (one) Bcf/day in the NY/NJ metropolitan area are estimated to be:

Impact	Incidents per year	Societal Value*	Direct Medical and Other Costs
Premature Mortality	35.3	\$238,712,000	\$10,585,000
Chronic Bronchitis	22.3	\$10,554,000	\$2,700,000
Hospital+ER visits	32.8	\$432,000	\$345,000
Asthma Attacks	724.5	\$43,000	\$42,000
Respiratory Symptoms	32,720	\$1,190,000	\$1,190,000
Work Loss Days	6,374	\$1,160,000	\$1,079,000
Mercury Related	NA	\$12,277,000	\$13,277,000
Total		\$265,369,000	\$29,217,000

*Costs to consumers for which they are not reimbursed.

WHEREAS, an alternative approach to producing electricity from solar panels would avoid all of the environmental and health issues noted in this resolution while still providing new jobs and other financial benefits to local towns and would be in conformance with Governor Murphy’s goal to increase the use of renewable energy even if all of the electricity was sold to New York City, could potentially gain local support and should be considered; and

WHEREAS, the NJ Work Environmental Council has stated, “Climate justice is worker justice. We stand together for both worker protections and strong climate policies because we can’t have one without the other. An injury to the planet is an injury to us all;” and

WHEREAS, the proposed gas-fired plant will provide electric energy to New York only, residents of Hudson and Bergen Counties and the rest of New Jersey will only incur the health care costs and environmental degradation caused by the plant during construction and operation; and

WHEREAS, the gas-fired power plant represents a direct threat to one of the state’s most

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crucial ecological resources. Wetlands such as the Meadowlands serve many beneficial functions. They are a natural filtration system, purifying our water. They preserve biodiversity by hosting a number of plant and animal species. They play a crucial role in flood mitigation by absorbing storm waters, protecting urban or residential communities in nearby flood zones. The construction of and pollution from the proposed plant could affect quantity and quality of water flows, thereby harming the delicate animal and plant habitats in the wetlands and undermining their critical hydrological functions. The rehabilitation of the Meadowlands, which has been a triumph for the local groups that have worked hard to recover this area, would be squandered in order to provide power to New York City residents; and

WHEREAS, the plant will be within the half mile US DOT Evacuation Zone for oil train derailments which have been known to explode and can only be handled by letting them burn out; and

WHEREAS, location of the plant conflicts with the Regional Plan Association's 2017 finding of the Meadowlands being at risk from sea level rise. The RPA's Fourth Regional Plan found that "of all the places in the tri-state region challenged by increased flooding from climate change, the New Jersey Meadowlands is at greatest risk." It also concluded that "The Meadowlands are also likely to be one of the first places to be permanently inundated from sea-level rise."; and

WHEREAS, construction would require digging a 40-foot trench through the Meadowlands to connect to Williams' Transco Pipeline, thus risking damage to sensitive wetlands. The connection to the Williams pipeline may require upgrades to the line and expansion of its compressor station at Riverdale risking increases in dangerous emissions from the compressor station; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the proposed gas-fired plant have stated this is being built to replace the energy that will be lost when the Indian Point Nuclear Plant is closed, a 2017 study by Hudson Riverkeeper and the Natural Resources Defense Counsel states, "By 2023, assumed new energy efficiency and required new renewable energy [will] provide as much output as IPEC would have produced"; and

WHEREAS, the proposed gas-fired plant will require 8.6M gallons of sewage discharge wastewater per day which will allow evaporation of chemicals in the water to contribute to the existing levels of air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the proposed plant will require diesel generator backups for winter gas shortage situations which in turn will require storage of 1M gallons of diesel fuel onsite which has inherent risks of spills and leakage which would produce additional air pollution as well as ground pollution to sensitive wetlands and nearby water bodies; and

WHEREAS, the gas-fired plant will require on site storage of chemicals such as ammonia, bleach and acids as well as trucks to supply these products this increases the potential for spills into nearby wetlands and steams; and

WHEREAS, the proposed gas-fired plant will increase the volume of fracked-gas used in New Jersey which will also increase the drilling and associated environmentally destructive activities associated with its production and transport as well as increased pressure on New Jersey and the Delaware River Basin Commission to accept fracked waste water for disposal; and

WHEREAS, the proposed gas-fired plant will utilize fracked natural gas thus increasing the

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amount of energy produced by fossil fuels in direct opposition to Governor Murphy’s commitment to moving New Jersey to 100% clean renewable energy usage. This type of massive fossil fuel infrastructure will last for several decades due to its large sunk costs (\$1.5B). This will increase long-term dependence on dirty fossil fuels and their associated environmental damage and health risks and is incompatible with the administration’s energy goals. The average New Jersey gas-fired power plants went online 23 years ago and 13 percent of the state’s gas plants went online more than 40 years ago.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Allendale in the interest of protecting the residents, businesses and institutions, strongly opposes construction of the North Bergen Liberty Generating power plant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Allendale shall forward this Resolution to

- New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy
- Commissioner of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection
- State Senator Kristin Corrado
- State Assemblypersons Christopher DePhillips and Kevin Rooney
- Food and Water Watch, 100 Bayard Street, Suite 310, New Brunswick, NJ 08901
- The Sierra Club – New Jersey Chapter, 145 W. Hanover Street, Trenton NJ 08618
- Hackensack Riverkeeper
- Hudson County Freeholders and Administration and all Hudson County Municipal Councils, Boards of Health and Environmental Commissions
- Bergen County Freeholders and Administration and all Bergen County Municipal Councils, Boards of Health and Environmental Commissions
- League of New Jersey Municipalities
- NJ Advance Media

Resolution 18-270

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the following Water Utility Operating Fund budget appropriation balances for 2018 remain unexpended:

Water Purchase	15,000
Total Appropriations Cancelled	<u>\$15,000</u>

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be credited to Surplus;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the council of the Borough of Allendale, that the above listed unexpended balances of the Water Utility Operating Fund be canceled.

Resolution 18-271

Water Adjustment

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Whereas, the utility payer listed below has been found to have their utility bill reduced by the amount shown, and

Whereas, this adjustment is due to an estimated bill, incorrectly reported water usage or incorrect readings,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Council of the Borough of Allendale that this adjustment be granted, with a credit, to the following utility bill payer:

Name	Account Number	Amount
Herman Rohsler	31105517163292	\$470.91

Resolution 18-272

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 2018 Budget Appropriations:

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FROM	TO
Construction Code, S&W	8-01-22-195-012		\$3,000
Salary & Wage Adjustment	8-01-30-411-012	\$3,000	
Total Transfers		\$3,000	\$3,000

Resolution 18-273

Approval of Workplace Alcohol & Drug Testing Contract

Whereas, there is a need for a Workplace Alcohol & Drug Testing Contract; and

Whereas, Valley Physician Services has provided the Borough with satisfactory service in 2018; and

Whereas, Valley Physician Services has provided the Borough with a proposal for 2019.

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 2019 contract between the Borough of Allendale and the Valley Physician Services for services related to workplace alcohol and drug testing; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to sign said contract.

Resolution 18-274

Authorization to Join the Cranford Police

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Cooperative Pricing System

Whereas, the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System (ID # 47-CPCPS), hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

Whereas, on November 19, 2012, the governing body of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey authorized participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services via Resolution #12-292;

Whereas, the Borough of Allendale wishes to continue to participate in the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale hereby authorize continued participation in the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System as per the Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency dated November 20, 2012.

Be It Further Resolved that the Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

Be It Further Resolved that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Resolution 18-275

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2018, via Resolution #18-274, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, authorized continued participation in a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System (ID # 47-CPCPS) for the purchase of goods and services as permitted by NJSA 40A:11-11(5); and

WHEREAS, via Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, the Borough received a quote from Ford Credit Municipal Finance for a three-year lease of a 2019 Dodge Charger in the amount of \$10,087.33 per year, Option A of the attached quote, for a total amount of \$30,261.99; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has advised that funding is available for this purchase.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the three-year lease of a 2019 Dodge Charger in the amount of \$10,087.33 per year for a total amount of \$30,261.99 from Ford Municipal Finance Credit, having its principal office at 1 American Road, MD 7500 in Dearborn, Michigan 48126, is hereby authorized based on quote obtained c/o Beyer Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge-Ram via Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Resolution 18-276

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2018, via Resolution #18-274, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, authorized continued participation in a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System (ID # 47-CPCPS) for the purchase of goods and services as permitted by NJSA 40A:11-11(5); and

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WHEREAS, via Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, the Borough received a quote from Mall Chevrolet for a three-year lease of a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe in the amount of \$13,718.24 per year for a total amount of \$41,154.72; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has advised that funding is available for this purchase.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the lease of a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe in the amount of \$13,718.24 per year for a total amount of \$41,154.72 from Univest Capitol having its principal office at 10 West Broad Street, P.O. Box 64197 in Souderton, Pennsylvania, is hereby authorized based on quote obtained c/o Mall Chevrolet via Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Resolutions

18-277/Approval of Agreement of Purchase of Real Estate between the Borough of Allendale and Hampshire Venture Partners, LLC

Motion by Councilman Bernstein, second by Councilwoman Wilczynski, that Resolution #18-277 be approved.

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

Councilman Bernstein:	aye	Councilman Sasso:	aye
Councilwoman Homan:	aye	Councilman Strauch:	aye
Councilman O'Connell:	aye	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

Resolution 18-277

**Approval of Agreement of Purchase of Real Estate
Between Borough of Allendale
and Hampshire Venture Partners, LLC**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Allendale (“Allendale”) and Hampshire Venture Partners, LLC (“Hampshire”) have previously agreed upon a Letter of Intent (“LOI”) setting forth terms and conditions for Hampshire’s purchase from Allendale of certain real property commonly known as 220 West Crescent Avenue and 230 West Crescent Avenue, Allendale, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Allendale and Hampshire have engaged in ongoing negotiations to discuss and agree upon the terms and conditions of an Agreement of Purchase of Real Estate (the “Agreement”), so as to implement the terms of the LOI; and

WHEREAS, Allendale wishes to memorialize its approval of the terms and conditions of the Agreement, subject to the conditions set forth in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale that, subject to attorney review and approval, the Agreement between Allendale and Hampshire be and hereby is **APPROVED**;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Borough Attorney are authorized to take all appropriate actions so as to implement this Resolution, including but not limited to, the execution of the Agreement by the Mayor, once the Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Borough Attorney are authorized to take all appropriate actions required of the Borough in the Agreement, once the Agreement has been executed by the Mayor.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

Council Committee Reports and Comments

Councilman Bernstein – Administration, Finance and Human Resources

Councilman Bernstein reported that the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee last met in November and he reported on that meeting earlier in December. He advised that the 2019 budget process has started. He expressed his opinion that there have been many great accomplishments over this past year as well as during all the years that he has been a member of this committee which included investing in infrastructure, acquiring significant property which helped control the Borough's future, maintaining the Borough's AAA rating, and having a 0% tax increase for six of the eight years that he has served. Under the leadership of both Mayor Barra and Mayor White, Councilman Bernstein commented that the committee has been led with an indispensable commitment to ensuring the future of Allendale through strong fiscal management. He expressed that Mayor White has done such a phenomenal job for Allendale, noting the countless hours that she has spent serving the Borough on a volunteer basis, solely for the betterment of Allendale. He commented on the numerous, complex challenges that she has faced head on, and remarked that the signing of the contract for the purchase of 220 and 230 West Crescent Avenue could not be more fitting for the end of her term on the governing body. He thanked her for all that she has done for the Borough.

Staff Reports:

Ray Wiss, Municipal Attorney, commented on all the efforts that went into the approval of the contract for the purchase of 220 and 230 West Crescent Avenue which he expressed is very indicative of Mayor Whites style of leadership. He stated that this contract is the culmination of an undertaking that was visionary. He noted that he has had the privilege of working with over two dozen municipalities over the course of his career and remarked that Mayor White is the best.

Anne Dodd, Municipal Clerk, stated that it has been an honor and a privilege to work with Mayor White over the past 3 years and expressed that she will truly miss working with Mayor White.

New Business:

Councilwoman Wilczynski invited Senator Kristin Corrado and Assemblymen DePhillips and Rooney to come forward to present Mayor White with a resolution from the Senate President and the Speaker of the General Assembly in her honor.

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Assemblyman DePhillips stated that it has been a pleasure to work with a true leader who has not only been a great Mayor and Councilwoman, but a great leader for Northwest Bergen County.

Assemblyman Rooney noted that he spent a lot of time with Mayor White when he served as Mayor and witnessed all of the assets that she brought to Northwest Bergen. He thanked her for all that she has done, commenting that she has been an asset to the entire State.

Senator Corrado echoed the previous sentiments and remarked that Mayor White leads by example. She commented on Mayor White's supportiveness of other women in politics which she stated is truly appreciated and expressed her opinion that Mayor White has had an amazing career in politics.

Representatives from the Allendale Republican Club, Allendale/Saddle River Rotary Club, and Chamber of Commerce each presented Mayor White with a plaque/proclamation in appreciation for her dedication and commitment to their respective organizations.

The members of the governing body then read the following proclamation into the record:

**Proclamation
In Honor Of
Mayor Liz White**

Whereas, *Mayor Elizabeth "Liz" White, distinguished first woman to be elected Mayor of Allendale, is being honored upon the conclusion of her outstanding tenure of service to the Borough of Allendale, which includes eight years as a Councilwoman and four years as Mayor; and*

Whereas, *Liz, a resident of Allendale for 22 years, is married to Dr. Michael White and is the proud mother of Jessica and Dan; and*

Whereas, *during the years dedicated to representing the needs and concerns of Allendale, Liz has served on each of the six Council committees, chairing four of them. As a member of the Grants Committee, Liz facilitated grants bringing over \$6,500,000 in Federal, State and County grants to Allendale. In addition, Liz served as a member of the Planning Board and the North West Bergen Mayors' Association. She was a Founding Board Member of Allendale Housing Inc., and has served on the Boards of the Lee Memorial Library, and Allendale Senior Housing; and*

Whereas, *prior to her involvement in municipal government, Liz engaged in numerous community activities, notably serving as President of the Allendale PTO, President and Founding Board member of the Allendale Nature Preservation Association, Member of the USRA Coalition, Member of the Valley Hospital Auxiliary and Director of Resource Development for Habitat for Humanity; and*

Whereas, *among her many accomplishments as Mayor, Liz had the vision and courage to lead the Council to negotiate the purchase the 220/230 West Crescent Ave. property to forever preserve the character of Allendale for future generations; and*

Whereas, *in tribute to her exceptional foresight and commitment, this Council, on behalf of the Borough of Allendale, proposes to name the senior/community center to be located in the new Borough facilities, "The Liz White Community Center"; and*

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***Whereas,** The Honorable Liz White has an extensive record that has exemplified the true meaning of selfless public service which has earned her the deepest respect and admiration from all of the community, the Borough of Allendale employees and fellow Council colleagues; and*

***Whereas,** the Council of the Borough of Allendale have deemed it a privilege and an honor to work beside Liz and will truly miss her guidance and leadership. She has provided a standard of excellence in public service toward which others might strive.*

***Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,** that we all pay tribute to her meritorious history of service and give our heartfelt thanks to Mayor Liz White for her natural leadership, boundless enthusiasm, selflessness and dedication to all the residents of Allendale and extend our best wishes for continued happiness and success in the future.*

Mayor White stated that she is so lucky to have worked with such an amazing group of people. She recounted the accomplishments of the governing body during her time serving on Council which included settling the litigation matter involving the lights at Northern Highlands Regional High School, settling litigation pertaining to the Borough's affordable housing obligation, and the acquisition of 220 and 230 West Crescent Avenue. She noted that all members of Council work tirelessly and serve because they all love Allendale. She thanked the residents who have supported her throughout the years as well as her family. She commented that she has faith that she is leaving the Borough in good hands.

Councilwoman Wilczynski expressed that, as witnessed by the number of people present this evening, it is clear to see how beloved Mayor White is by this community. She then presented Mayor White with the key to the Borough.

Public Comment on any issue:

Vince Barra, Mayor Emeritus, commented that he and Mayor White had a close relationship during his time as Mayor, expressing that she was his closest confidant. He stated that it is a privilege to know her and remarked that she was a great Mayor as she cared so much for the people of Allendale. He noted that behind her smile is one tough lady. He commented on her vision with respect to 220 and 230 West Crescent Avenue and noted the courage that was involved in making this purchase. He advised that, with the contract that was authorized this evening, not only was the cost for the purchase recouped, but a new Borough Hall with a Senior Center and affordable housing for both seniors and first responders will be built without costing the taxpayers any money.

Jacqueline McSwiggan, 70 Green Way, expressed that it was an honor and a privilege to work with Mayor White during her time on the governing body, noting that Mayor White exhibits intelligence, empathy, moral compass, backbone as well as an endearing sense of humor. She thanked Mayor White as a resident and a friend and congratulated her on a successful career as a leader of this community.

Alissa Mayer, 236 Eagle Drive, Emerson, commented that she has been honored to work with Mayor White for the last 10+ years, noting that Mayor White has been a big part of why she enjoys coming to work every day. She then presented Mayor White with a scrapbook of memories from her time serving the Borough.

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John Rubino, formerly of 38 Oakwood Road, advised that his parents lived in Allendale for approximately 24 years and stayed here because of people like Mayor White who embody Allendale. He commented that he has been fortunate to have worked with her in volunteering his time. On behalf of the Allendale Fire Department, he thanked her and wished her the best of luck.

Mayor White thanked the members of the Fire Department for their service and expressed that, due to Tom Smith's efforts, it is anticipated that three, first responder units will be built at 220 West Crescent Avenue.

Jessica White, formerly of 26 E. Crescent Avenue, expressed her opinion that, of her many qualities, what distinguishes Mayor White most from other leaders is that she really listens to other people's needs and desires and makes others feel important. She commented that Mayor White is a selfless, wonderful person.

Susanne Lovisolo, 180 Schuyler Road, thanked Mayor White, on behalf of the John Fell House Board of Directors and the Friends of the Fell House, for the example that she sets for children and volunteers of true leadership, compassion, and enthusiasm and commented that the Borough is fortunate to have had Mayor White as Mayor for the past four years. She presented Mayor White with a photo album of the many different events that she has attended throughout the years at the Fell House.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilman Bernstein, second by Councilwoman Wilczynski, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Dodd, RMC
Municipal Clerk