

Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale
Work Session Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Ari Bernstein and Councilmembers Liz Homan, Edward O’Connell, Matthew O’Toole, Steve Sasso, Jim Strauch (arrived at 7:40 p.m.) and Amy Wilczynski

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Attorney Thomas Bouregy
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 October 24, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Ari Bernstein 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:

Thomas Lucas, 3 Surrey Lane, advised that he is a sophomore at Northern Highlands Regional High School and a Life Scout in Troop 59. He explained that, for his Eagle Scout project, he refurbished the shuffle board courts at Crestwood Lake and created a gaming area by refurbishing checkerboard tables and benches.

Councilwoman Wilczynski commended Mr. Lucas for this idea and thanked him for picking Crestwood Lake as the location for his project.

Mr. Lucas thanked Councilwoman Wilczynski, Ron Kistner, Administrative Officer/Director of Operations, and the DPW employees for their assistance.

Presentations:

- A. Recognition of Emergency Services Personnel – September 13th and September 19th Emergency Responses

Mayor Bernstein expressed that he is thrilled to present Certificates of Commendation to the emergency services personnel who were involved with the September 13, 2019 and September 19, 2019 emergency responses. He noted that these events highlight the importance of mutual aid. He stated that he is thankful for what emergency responders do for the community, commenting that he is put at ease knowing that Allendale is protected. Members of the governing body also expressed appreciation to those who were involved in these emergency responses. Mayor Bernstein then recognized the following individuals and neighboring Police Departments that played a role in one or both of these events:

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Allendale Police Department:

- Chief George Scherb – 9/13 & 9/19
- Officer Kevin Azevedo – 9/19
- Officer Vic Bartoloma – 9/13
- Officer Alex Helmer – 9/13
- Officer Jamie Hillgardner – 9/19
- Officer Sean Hubbard – 9/13
- Sgt. Bill Kroepke – 9/13
- Officer Scott Kuenzel – 9/19
- Sgt. Terry Lawler – 9/19
- Sgt. John Mattiace – 9/13 & 9/19
- Det. Vinny Rizzo – 9/13 & 9/19
- Det. Dan Rosendahl – 9/13 & 9/19

Allendale Dispatchers:

- Dispatcher Nick Biondi – 9/13
- Dispatcher Anthony Iacovo – 9/19
- Dispatcher Michael Schell – 9/19
- Dispatcher Scott Zieber – 9/13

AVAC:

- Captain Daryl D'Amore-Bottaro – 9/13
- Driver Aris Escalona – 9/13
- EMT Carmel Falcone – 9/13
- Driver Christina Montanye – 9/13
- EMT Kevin Montanye – 9/13

Mutual Aid Assistance:

- Bergen County Sheriff's Department – 9/13 & 9/19
- Bergen County Sheriff's K-9 Unit – 9/19
- Ho-Ho-Kus Police Department – 9/13 & 9/19
- Mahwah Police Department – 9/13
- Mahwah Police K-9 Unit – 9/13
- Midland Park Police Department – 9/13
- Ramsey Police Department – 9/13
- Saddle River Police Department – 9/13 & 9/19
- Upper Saddle River Police Department – 9/19
- Waldwick Police Department – 9/13 & 9/19
- Wyckoff Police Department – 9/13

Sgt. John Mattiace thanked everyone who assisted in these responses, commenting that the successful outcome would not have been possible without the support of those who were recognized this evening.

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To Be Considered

A. Revisions to Chapter 170 “Noise”

Mayor Bernstein advised that concerns have been raised regarding the hours during which noise resulting from landscaping equipment is permitted to take place. He noted that there is a delineation within the Borough Code between commercial and non-commercial landscaping equipment, with the operation of non-commercial equipment being permitted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on the weekends. He advised that the Land Use Committee is considering amending the start time on a Sunday to a later time and inquired whether the governing body is in favor of this revision. In addition, Mayor Bernstein noted that other revisions may be necessary as there is reference to a Noise Control Officer as well as equipment that is necessary to gauge the noise level which the Borough does not currently have.

After some discussion, the consensus of the governing body was to investigate making the proposed revisions to Chapter 170 of the Borough Code. It was decided to take this matter back to the Land Use and Public Safety Committees for further review.

Administration:

A. Agenda Review

Mayor Bernstein reviewed the Regular Session agenda. He provided an overview of the resolutions on the Consent Agenda. With respect to Resolution #19-232, which authorizes an auction of Borough property through GovDeals, Councilman Sasso commended Mr. Kistner who has implemented his suggestion to sell unused equipment and return this money to the taxpayers.

B. Mayor’s Report

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

C. Council Reports

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

D. Staff Reports

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilman Sasso, second by Councilman O’Connell, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Anne Dodd, RMC
Municipal Clerk