

Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Ari Bernstein and Councilmembers Liz Homan, Edward O’Connell, and Jim Strauch

ABSENT: Councilmembers Matthew O’Toole, Steve Sasso and Amy Wilczynski

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 19, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 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.”

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Councilwoman Homan, second by Councilman O’Connell, that the Minutes of December 5, 2019 Work Session and December 5, 2019 Regular Session are approved.

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

Councilwoman Homan:	aye	Councilman Sasso:	absent
Councilman O’Connell:	aye	Councilman Strauch:	aye
Councilman O’Toole:	absent	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	absent

Public Comment

Walter Widmer, 38 Hamilton Street, inquired what is meant when Mayor Bernstein states that public comment is limited to agenda items only.

Mayor Bernstein explained that this time is designated for the public to comment on any item appearing on the agenda in order to provide input prior to the governing body taking action on those items.

Public Hearings for Advertised Ordinances:

Ordinance 19-15

The Municipal Clerk read into the record:

The following ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on December 5, 2019 and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal building.

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ORDINANCE 19-15 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 53 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE, “OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES”, TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE FOR THE YEAR 2019.

Public Comments on Ordinance 19-15

No one came forward.

Motion by Councilman Strauch, second by Councilman O’Connell, that Ordinance 19-15 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:

Councilwoman Homan:	aye	Councilman Sasso:	absent
Councilman O’Connell:	aye	Councilman Strauch:	aye
Councilman O’Toole:	absent	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	absent

(See Ordinance 19-15 attached and made a part hereof.)

Consent Agenda

- A. **19-255**/Approval of Bill List
- B. **19-256**/Authorize Change Order No. 1 – 2019 NW Bergen Pricing Cooperative Paving Program
- C. **19-257**/Authorize GovDeals.com Auction
- D. **19-258**/Authorize Cancellation of Taxes – Properties Owned by Borough
- E. **19-259**/Rescind Crestwood Swim Club & Water Utility Petty Cash Funds
- F. **19-260**/Budget Transfers

Motion by Councilwoman Homan, second by Councilman O’Connell, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

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

Councilwoman Homan:	aye	Councilman Sasso:	absent
Councilman O’Connell:	aye	Councilman Strauch:	aye
Councilman O’Toole:	absent	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	absent

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

Resolution 19-255

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 5, 2019 in the amounts of:

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Bill List Numbers December 19, 2019

Current Fund	\$1,702,170.54
Payroll Account	\$231,194.86
General Capital	\$49,672.05
Animal Fund	\$0.00
Grant Fund	\$2,719.00
COAH/Housing Trust	\$1,166.00
Improvement & Beautification	\$0.00
Unemployment Fund	\$0.00
Trust Fund	\$12,559.91
Water Operating	\$100,223.81
Water Capital	\$42,253.03

Total \$2,141,959.20

Resolution 19-256

Change Order Number One – 2019 NW Bergen Pricing Cooperative Paving Program

Whereas, the Borough Engineer has requested that certain changes are needed in the 2019 NW Bergen Pricing Cooperative Paving Program contract; and

Whereas, a net increase of \$6,866.27 will result from the actual quantities of work measured and performed; and

Whereas, the CFO has certified that sufficient funds are available.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Change Order Number One resulting in an increase of \$6,866.27, a 4.2% increase in the original contracted amount, be approved for the 2019 NW Bergen Pricing Cooperative Paving Program, resulting in a new contract amount of \$168,480.98.

Be It Further Resolved that Change Order Number One in the increased amount of \$6,866.27 be approved for performance by Mike Fitzpatrick Contractors Inc., 18 Cozy Lake Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438.

Resolution 19-257

Authorize GovDeals.com Auction

WHEREAS, the Borough of Allendale is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A 11-36 authorizes municipalities to offer for sale, public property which is no longer needed for public service; and

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale is desirous of selling said surplus property in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, as follows:

- (1) The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through GovDeals.com pursuant to State Contract A-83453/T2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals is available online at govdeals.com and also available from the Borough Clerk.
- (2) The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is govdeals.com.
- (3) The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.
- (4) A list of the surplus property to be sold attached as Exhibit A.
- (5) The surplus property as identified shall be sold in an “as-is” condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.
- (6) The Borough of Allendale reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

Resolution 19-258

Cancellation of Taxes – Properties Owned by Borough

WHEREAS, the Borough has owned the below-listed properties during 2019, as a result of which 2019 taxes need to be formally cancelled.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Property Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1005	3	230 W Crescent Ave	\$ 142,500.00
1005	20	220 W Crescent Ave	<u>67,350.99</u>
			\$ 209,850.99

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to cancel the taxes listed on the above properties in the amount of \$ 209,850.99.

Resolution 19-259

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen, that the petty cash fund for the Crestwood Swim Club and the Water Utility be rescinded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Resolution 19-260

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

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Mayor & Council of the Borough of Allendale that the following transfers be made between the following 2019 Budget Appropriations:

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FROM	TO
CURRENT FUND			
Tax Assessment, O.E.	9-01-20-150-108	\$5,000	
Legal Services, O.E.	9-01-20-155-027	\$5,000	
Planning & Zoning	9-01-21-180-063	\$5,000	
Crestwood, S&W	9-01-28-371-012	\$5,000	
Electricity, O. E.	9-01-31-430-078	\$10,000	
Street Lighting, O.E.	9-01-31-435-000	\$15,000	
Water Charges, O.E.	9-01-31-445-230	\$10,000	
Gasoline, O.E.	9-01-31-460-080	\$20,000	
Police, S&W	9-01-25-240-014		\$75,000
Totals		\$75,000	\$75,000

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.

Mayor's Report:

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:

Walter Widmer, 38 Hamilton Street, asked for more information on the O&R project. He further inquired whether Hamilton Street will be included in this project.

It was explained that the overhead electrical wires are now being placed underground in vaults which will eliminate power lines coming down during storms. Although this project will be completed in sections at a time, O&R has not committed to completing the entire town at this time.

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Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilwoman Homan, second by Councilman O'Connell, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting to the Sine Die Meeting on January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was recessed at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Dodd, RMC
Municipal Clerk