

Work Session
Mayor and Council
November 22, 2010

A Work Session of the Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Mayor Barra who announced that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act were met by the required posting and notice to publications.

The following individuals answered roll call: Council members Bernstein, LaMonica, Strauch, White and Mayor Barra. Mr. Schoepfin and Mrs. Wilczynski were absent. Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. Bole were present.

Mayor Barra opened the meeting to the public for comments.

There were none.

Administration

Allendale Messaging Service

Mrs. White said information has been put together by Sgt. Scherb on Allendale's Police Messaging Services. This information will notify our residents on how to be contacted for both SwiftReach and Nixle updates.

Residents can log onto our website to register for the SwiftReach program. After logging on they can register or update personal information such as cell phone numbers, home phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

Nixle is another service that is available and is a free service to the Borough. It will be used more for notification of community issues (such as road paving) rather than for emergency reasons. People must sign up at the Nixle Website and when visiting that site they can also sign up for Twitter updates as well.

Mr. Cauwenberghs will include the information on the 2011 Recycling flyer. Northern Highlands and the Allendale School District will include this information in their e-mail blasts and their newsletters. The Borough will feature the information in its next newsletter as well.

Mayor's Report

Mr. Barra stated that the Library will have meetings on November 29th and December 6th to discuss a strategic plan for the future.

Mayor Barra said it is important for the public to attend the meetings and comment on what the plan should be and whether money will be spent to implement the plan.

Mr. Barra stated that there is a new law that requires libraries must have a strategic plan or money will have to be returned to the municipalities.

On a motion by Mrs. White, seconded by Mrs. Wilczynski, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn to Regular Session at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen McCarthy
Municipal Clerk