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Finally, Attorney Wiss addressed ongoing sewer-related matters. Several approved projects in neighboring Saddle River lack sewer infrastructure and therefore require access through Allendale. He noted that accommodating these projects can provide financial benefits to the Borough, citing a recent instance where one project resulted in a \$500,000 contribution to Allendale. He indicated that discussions are currently underway regarding the Toll Brothers project and expressed optimism that there may be positive developments to report in the near future.

Michael Dillon, Police Chief's Report: Police Chief Michael Dillon stated the following:

This ranking is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our police officers. Being a police officer is much more than responding to calls for service and arresting offenders.

Unfortunately, by the time an arrest is made, the crime has already been committed and statistics are created. While not always quantifiable in numbers, a strong and visible police presence on our roadways, in our public spaces, in local businesses, and in our schools, plays a critical role in deterring criminal activity in our borough.

At the local level maintaining a strong community presence, especially with our youth, helps build positive lasting relationships with law enforcement officers. These connections often endure over time and can serve as a moral compass when individuals are faced with making the right or wrong decision in life.

Over the past five years as chief I have witnessed our officers' unwavering commitment to service and protection of Allendale. With the continued support of our mayor and council, Borough Administrator, CFO, DPW Superintendent and borough staff, our department has grown, is deeply valued, and is firmly ingrained in the fabric of our borough.

This ranking simply reinforces what we already knew to be true; the men and women of the Allendale Police Department embody our core values of honor, integrity, and community. Thank you.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Wilczynski stated that the Borough has finally shared its message with the public regarding Fair Share Housing. She noted that it took considerable time to consolidate a year of back-and-forth discussions, strategic planning, and various other components, and expressed satisfaction with the outcome. The feedback from the community has been overwhelmingly positive, though much of it was directed toward her personally. She emphasized, however, that effective leadership is only possible with an exceptional team. She praised the contributions of the Borough Attorney, other legal advisors, and an expert planner, as well as Council President Suzanne Lovisolo and Councilwoman Liz Holman, describing them as invaluable assets. She concluded that the successful outcome represents a true team effort and a significant achievement for Allendale and expressed his gratitude and satisfaction with both the results and the community's response.

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Staff Reports:

Alison Altano, Borough Administrator/CFO, stated that the recognition of the Allendale Police Department is a significant achievement. She expressed pride in serving as the Borough's administrator and commended the department for its outstanding reputation, extending her congratulations.

Linda Louise Cervino, Municipal Clerk's Report. Linda Cervino congratulated and expressed her gratitude to the Allendale Police Department, noting that each member should take great pride in their accomplishments.

Andrew Agugliaro, Department of Public Works Superintendent: Andrew Agugliaro congratulated Chief Dillon and the Allendale Police Department on receiving this prestigious award. He also expressed his appreciation to Alison Altano for her dedicated work on the budget and for her guidance in procurement.

He announced that the Compost Center and Recycling Center will be closed on Saturday, April 4, in observance of the Easter holiday; however, the compost area in the back will be open on Saturday, March 28. He also acknowledged resident concerns regarding potholes throughout the Borough, explaining that the DPW has been focused on preparing the fields for the season, readying Crestwood Lake for opening, and completing spring cleanup efforts.

Raymond Wiss, Borough Attorney's Report: Attorney Ray Wiss congratulated the Allendale Police Department, noting his extensive experience representing multiple municipalities across the county and working closely with many police departments. He stated that while many municipalities rely on a series of edicts and orders to promote community policing, in Allendale such measures are largely unnecessary due to the genuine care and dedication of the department's members.

Regarding his own report, Attorney Wiss noted that, aside from the resolutions and ordinances on the agenda, much of his time has been devoted to the newly designated Water and Sewer Committee. This work includes close collaboration with Veolia's attorneys and engineers, as well as the Borough Engineer, Mike Vreeland, to address easements, contract implementation, and related matters. Significant time has also been spent on the upcoming Veolia rate case. He commended the Mayor, Council members, and CFO for managing the substantial documentation and workload associated with these efforts, noting that it greatly facilitates his own work.

Attorney Wiss highlighted the financial benefits of the Borough's 2021 sale of the water utility, emphasizing not only the revenue generated from the sale but also the ongoing expense avoidance. He noted that other municipalities often face multimillion-dollar costs for system maintenance, which are now the responsibility of Veolia, resulting in significant savings for Allendale taxpayers. He referenced the challenges posed by the recent harsh winter, including potholes and watermain issues in surrounding towns, as examples of the value of this strategic planning.

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Councilman Joseph Daloisio, Public Works & Public Utility/ Public Safety Report: Councilman Daloisio stated that the DPW committee has not met since our last meeting. We do have a meeting scheduled for next week. The DPW has been working hard to get Crestwood up and ready for opening day. They are working on fields to get those ready for opening day. They are assessing pothole repairs and preparing for the good season. I was handed a good bit of information today that there's a short section of sidewalk that's been missing on West Maple right at the end of West Maple by Northern Highlands. That's going to get implemented next week. The kids won't have to walk around one section in the street and can now walk to school safely. As co-chair of the public safety, it really been an honor to be with you all the last two years. I know how hard you work and how dedicated everybody is.

In other portions of my life, I was president of the holiday observers. We do the Fourth of July. I know the dedication, time and effort that you guys put in to keep that event safe and fun for everybody. It's the little details and the care that you guys have. I lost my house keys and Officer Rubino driving and doing his patrol like he always does saw a set of keys in the middle of the street. He stopped to pick them up, brought them to headquarters, found my Lee Memorial Library tag, and I got my keys back. Most people think of police as stopping crimes and everything, but it's so much more. The kids love you in our town. You are our eyes. You're our heart. You're everything. I have an elderly dad who lives with me. Unfortunately, I've had multiple times where we had to call 911 for him and APD was always there first. You were always great, sincere and caring with helping him get down the steps. Sincerely, thank you for everything you guys do. That's what makes Allendale the special place it is. You guys are such a big part of that.

Councilman Yaccarino, Facilities, Parks and Recreation/Land Use and Construction Code Report: Councilman Yaccarino provided an update on the upcoming band lineup, noting that planning is well underway and that he started preparations early this year. The schedule currently includes Floyd Pink, a Pink Floyd tribute band; Skylark, recommended by Ms. O'Toole; No Drama, a group of Allendale residents performing '70s and '80s hits, frequently seen at the Mason Jar; and the returning Midlife Crisis. Additionally, Tim Gysin is expected to perform in August. With a mix of new acts, fresh talent, and local recommendations, he expressed excitement for the season's lineup.

He also announced that the bid for the concession stand concessionaire was approved this evening. After conducting due diligence, the Borough confirmed that the concessionaire has experience working with Graydon Pool in Ridgewood and other surrounding communities. This year, the Borough anticipates additional revenue of \$7,000 from Crestwood, which is an improvement over last year.

Councilman Yaccarino further reflected on the evening's discussions, highlighting the three pillars that define the town: Community, Finance, and Public Safety. He praised the thoughtfulness, care, and expertise demonstrated by the Borough, particularly in honoring the Allendale Police Department. Drawing on his professional experience working with numerous municipalities, he emphasized that Allendale's police force is widely recognized for its excellence, both internally and externally. He extended his gratitude to Chief Dillon, Lieutenant Griffith, and the entire department for their exceptional service and leadership, noting that their dedication over many years is deeply appreciated by the Borough and the community alike.

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Regarding the Land Use Committee, she advised that the meeting has been rescheduled to accommodate all members, with a new date currently being finalized.

This evening marked the second reading of Ordinance #26-10. In addition to addressing residential property maintenance concerns, Ordinance #26-10 reflects our ongoing effort to clarify the Borough Code in a way that is clear, consistent, and free of ambiguity. Specifically, provisions related to flaking paint and the maintenance of exterior materials previously limited to metal and wood surfaces have been expanded to include all exterior surfaces subject to enforcement.

We were also pleased to recognize and honor the Allendale Police Department this evening. We remain steadfast in our support of our officers and were grateful for the opportunity to celebrate their service. We extend our sincere thanks to their families, whose continued support makes their work possible. Finally, we commend our residents for their cooperation and for consistently serving as outstanding stewards of our community's small-town values.

Councilpresident Elizabeth Homan – Finance, Human Resources, Administration & Information Technology, Public Works & Public Utilities Reports: Councilwoman Homan reported on matters related to Water and Sewer, noting that the Borough is continuing negotiations with developers regarding certain sewer connections that will be required to run through Allendale. She expressed her appreciation to Borough Attorney Ray Wiss and the team involved for their ongoing efforts, emphasizing that the Borough will continue to act in the best interests of Allendale.

With respect to water, she advised that Veolia currently has a rate case pending before the Board of Public Utilities, seeking an increase effective July 2026. She reminded residents that the Borough's 2021 decision to sell the water system to Veolia was made in response to significant challenges, including limitations in well capacity, compliance with lead and copper regulations, PFAS concerns, and the overall demands of system management. However, she stressed the importance of ensuring that the Board of Public Utilities upholds the rate stabilization provision included in that agreement, which anticipated a cap of five percent on rate increases for 2026. To that end, the Borough has been actively engaging with ratepayer advocates and BPU staff to reinforce this position. A public hearing is forthcoming, at which Borough officials, residents, and other elected representatives will speak to the importance of honoring the terms established through municipal bidding laws, the public referendum, and the governing contract. The Borough remains hopeful that Veolia will be held to the agreed-upon five percent increase for Allendale.

Councilwoman Homan also spoke about the significance of the recognition received by the Allendale Police Department, noting that it reflects not only the excellence of the force but also the strength of the community. She highlighted that the department's visible presence and proactive engagement with residents serve as a meaningful deterrent to crime. She expressed her sincere gratitude for their service, noting that both she personally, as a resident, and the Borough as a whole deeply appreciate their dedication. She concluded by expressing the hope that the department feels that appreciation from both the governing body and the community each and every day.

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ADMINISTRATION

Council Committee Reports

Councilman Edward O’Connell, Facilities, Parks and Recreation Report: Councilman Edward O’Connell reported that, after several attempts, a meeting was successfully held with the Girl Scouts. They will be constructing birdhouses to be installed at Crestwood. Former Councilman Strauch also joined the effort and will coordinate with the Green Team to collect rubber hose, which will be used to protect the trees by cushioning the wire used to secure the birdhouses. Once the Girl Scouts complete the project, the birdhouses will be installed on their behalf.

Councilman Matthew O’Toole, Public Safety Committee Report: Councilman O’Toole stated that, as Chair of the Public Safety Committee, it comes as no surprise that the community has been recognized as one of the safest in America. He noted that it is both a privilege and an honor to work closely with the police department and to witness firsthand the professionalism and dedication of its members. Having been involved in the hiring of many officers, he emphasized the exceptional character and work ethic demonstrated by the department’s personnel. He further acknowledged that such success begins with strong leadership, citing Chief Dillon, Lieutenant Griffith, and the four sergeants, while also recognizing that effective leadership is supported by a committed and engaged team. He concluded by offering his congratulations and sincere appreciation to the police department for their outstanding service.

On Tuesday, we will once again host the Gary Letizia Memorial Blood Drive. With a continued and critical need for blood donations, we encourage as many residents as possible to participate. The AB&G has generously agreed to support the effort by offering a “pint for a pint,” providing donors with a beer, soft drink, or glass of wine in appreciation.

In addition, Dr. Letizia has arranged for commemorative challenge coins to be presented to each donor. Originating as a military tradition, challenge coins have become a meaningful symbol of camaraderie and recognition.

The blood drive will take place on Tuesday, March 31, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. As of this afternoon, Dr. Letizia is just 72 pints away from reaching an extraordinary milestone of 5,000 pints equivalent to 625 gallons collected for those in need. We encourage everyone who is able to please come out and donate.

Councilwoman Susanne Lovisolo – Finance, Human Resources, Administration & IT, Land Use and Construction Code Report: Council President Lovisolo reported on matters related to Finance and Administration, extending condolences to Property Maintenance Officer Mike Limatola on the recent passing of his brother. Services will be held on Saturday in New City.

She also announced the upcoming retirement of Linda Garofalo from the Construction Office, with her final day scheduled for Tuesday, and thanked her for her dedicated service. In addition, she expressed appreciation to the Chief Financial Officer for her continued commitment to maintaining the Borough’s fiscal responsibility and conservative financial approach, noting that the upcoming budget newsletter reflects both transparency and exceptional effort.

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PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ALLENDALE AS A TOP 10 SAFEST CITY IN AMERICA

WHEREAS, the safety, security, and quality of life of our residents remain the highest priorities for the Mayor and Council and Police Department of the Borough of Allendale; and

WHEREAS, a recent 2026 national report has officially ranked the Borough of Allendale as one of the Top 10 Safest Cities in the entire United States; and

WHEREAS, this achievement is a direct result of the professional excellence, tireless dedication, and proactive leadership of the Allendale Police Department, headed up by Chief Mike Dillon; and

WHEREAS, the "Sense of Community" in Allendale serves as a vital foundation for this safety, characterized by engaged residents who look out for one another, support local law enforcement, and take pride in maintaining a vigilant and caring neighborhood environment; and

WHEREAS, the partnership between our dedicated officers and our active citizenry creates a unique bond that makes Allendale not just a place to live, but a true sanctuary for families and businesses alike; and

WHEREAS, the Allendale Police Department has the full support of myself as Mayor and the entire Council, and we remain proud of their dedication to law enforcement, their professionalism, and their unwavering commitment to the Allendale community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Amy Wilczynski, Mayor of the Borough of Allendale, along with the Borough Council, do hereby officially celebrate this national ranking and extend our profound gratitude to the Allendale Police Department for their unwavering service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend the residents of Allendale, whose commitment to community and neighborly spirit is the heartbeat of our Borough's safety and success.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Borough of Allendale to be affixed this 26th day of March, 2026.

Assemblyman Robert Auth presented Allendale with a Joint Legislative Resolution from the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey recognizing our Borough as one of the Top 10 Safest Cities in America.

Photos were taken.

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2) **Proclamation:** Proclamation For Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

Councilman Yaccarino read the Proclamation into the record:

PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MARCH 2026 AS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening, yet one in three eligible Americans are not up to date on their screenings; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is estimated to become the leading cause of cancer deaths for those aged 20–49 by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans are 20 percent more likely to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and approximately 40 percent more likely to die from the disease than other groups; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is expected to account for 11 percent of cancer deaths among Hispanic men and 9 percent of cancer deaths among Hispanic women; and

WHEREAS, screening colonoscopy rates have not yet fully returned to pre-pandemic levels; and

WHEREAS, the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable has established a national goal to increase timely screening rates to 80 percent in every community for all eligible Americans; and

WHEREAS, observing Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during March provides a vital opportunity to increase public awareness and offer education on the importance of early detection and screening.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale, New Jersey, do hereby proclaim **March 2026 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month** in the Borough of Allendale.

Councilman Yaccarino thanked the mayor for allowing him to read the proclamation. He stated that his grandmother, last year, was diagnosed with colorectal cancer and she's very timely on her colonoscopy. She is cancer free. We still have some challenges, but it's very important that I can tell you that firsthand.

3) **Proclamation:** Proclamation Recognizing Allendale as a Top 10 Safest City in America.

Mayor Wilczynski invited the Allendale Police Department to come up while she read the proclamation. Mayor Wilczynski read the Proclamation into the record:

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Unlike previous editions, this year’s newsletter goes beyond simply explaining the budget—it provides detailed insights into how the municipal budget affects individual tax bills. She encouraged all residents to review it.

Alison thanked Mayor Wilczynski and the Finance Committee for their hard work and collaboration over the past three years, which has helped position the Borough in such a strong financial standing.

Mayor Wilczynski acknowledged Alison’s work, noting that the 0.9 percent increase is the lowest among all Northwest Bergen communities, a significant accomplishment. She emphasized that healthcare costs have posed challenges for many municipalities in recent years, but Allendale prepared proactively. Last year, the Borough set aside funds specifically to address healthcare expenses, preventing a potential budget shortfall. While many municipalities attribute shortfalls to rising healthcare costs, Allendale’s forward planning allowed the Borough to manage these increases effectively.

Mayor Wilczynski also highlighted the evolution of the Borough’s financial planning process. Previously, the Finance Advisory Committee brought together financial experts from the community to share ideas. This year, the committee was restructured and rebranded as the Community Finance Engagement Committee, focusing on innovative approaches and strategic discussions. The meetings generated excellent dialogue and feedback, with residents praising the transparency and detailed explanations of how the budget is managed.

Alison Altano added that the Community Finance Engagement Committee meeting was particularly productive, lasting over an hour and generating valuable feedback from residents. Rather than reviewing the entire budget line by line, this year’s approach focused on key highlights: major changes over the past several years, significant revenue and expenditure drivers, future projections, and the overall budgeting process. This format proved more effective and allowed the Borough to incorporate several constructive resident suggestions into the final budget.

Mayor Wilczynski emphasized that, in addition to fiscal responsibility, the Borough continues to invest in the community, maintaining and improving infrastructure, fields, and the downtown area.

Alison Altano also noted that while the Borough has taken out bonds in past years to fund larger capital projects, this year all capital projects will be funded entirely with cash on hand. As a result, the Borough will not be adding to its debt, reflecting strong financial planning and stability.

The vote was recorded, and a roll call was conducted as follows:

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman O’Connell			✓			
Councilman O’Toole			✓			
Councilwoman Lovisolo	✓		✓			
Councilwoman Homan		✓	✓			
Councilman Daloisio			✓			
Councilman Yaccarino			✓			

(See Resolution #26-121 attached and made a part hereof)

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

RES 26-112:	Authorization to Participate in Bergen County Law Enforcement Mutual Aid & Rapid Deployment Force.
RES 26-113:	Resolution Authorizing Refund of Certificate of Compliance Application Fee.
RES 26-114:	Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Athletic Field Materials through a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.
RES 26-115:	Award Contract – Crestwood Lake Concession.
RES 26-116:	Authorizing Emergency Temporary Budget Appropriations.
RES 26-117:	Approval of Budget Transfers.
RES 26-118:	Resolution Appointing Realty Investment Economics to Provide Green Acres Appraisal Services.
RES 26-119:	Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with McNerney & Associates, Inc. for Appraisal Services
RES 26-120:	Approval of March 26, 2026 List of Bills.

The vote was recorded and a roll call was conducted as follows:

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman O’Connell		✓	✓			
Councilman O’Toole			✓			
Councilwoman Lovisolo			✓			
Councilwoman Homan			✓			
Councilman Daloisio			✓			
Councilman Yaccarino	✓		✓			

(See Resolutions 26-112 through 26-120 attached and made a part hereof)

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) RES: 26-121: Introduction of 2026 Municipal Budget.

Business Administrator/CFO Alison Altano reported that this year, the average homeowner in Allendale will see a tax impact of only 0.9 percent. She emphasized that the Borough is in a very strong financial position and faced minimal challenges while preparing this year’s budget. The primary obstacle was the rising cost of health benefits, with premiums increasing on average from 35 to 50 percent, a significant factor impacting the budget. By comparison, surrounding municipalities are experiencing average tax increases of up to 16 percent or more, making Allendale’s 0.9 percent increase a strong reflection of the Borough’s fiscal responsibility.

Alison highlighted that careful planning and proactive budgeting contributed to this outcome. The Borough routinely projects five years in advance, which allowed preparation for the expected increase in state health benefits this year. She also noted a new approach to the annual budget newsletter, which will be distributed within the next week or two.

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ORDINANCE #26-10: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, SUPPLEMENT AND REVISE THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE, CHAPTER 199, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, ARTICLE V, MAINTENANCE STANDARDS.

No one came forward from the public on Ordinance #26-10.

The vote was recorded, and a roll call was conducted as follows:

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman O’Connell			✓			
Councilman O’Toole			✓			
Councilwoman Lovisolo	✓		✓			
Councilwoman Homan			✓			
Councilman Daloisio			✓			
Councilman Yaccarino		✓	✓			

(See Ordinance #26-10 attached and made a part hereof)

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #26-11:

Borough Administrator/CFO, Alison Altano, stated every year you’re allowed to increase your appropriations to .5 percent. In passing this ordinance, we’re allowing the borough to increase it 3.5 percent, which is an additional 1 percent, so, it’s standard to do it every year to allow to increase the budget for any additional needs that we may have.

The Municipal Clerk read the title of the ordinance into the record:

ORDINANCE #26-11: CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14).

The vote was recorded, and a roll call was conducted as follows:

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman O’Connell			✓			
Councilman O’Toole	✓		✓			
Councilwoman Lovisolo			✓			
Councilwoman Homan		✓	✓			
Councilman Daloisio			✓			
Councilman Yaccarino			✓			

(See Ordinance #26-11 attached and made a part hereof)

The Municipal Clerk read into the record the following: “Ordinance #26-11 has been introduced upon first reading and will be posted on the Borough Website on March 27, 2026. It will be taken up for further consideration and final passage at the meeting of the Mayor and Council on April 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. or soon thereafter.”

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	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman O’Connell			✓			
Councilman O’Toole			✓			
Councilwoman Lovisolo	✓		✓			
Councilwoman Homan			✓			
Councilman Daloisio			✓			
Councilman Yaccarino		✓	✓			

(See Ordinance #26-08 attached and made a part hereof)

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #26-09:

The Municipal Clerk read into the record:

“The following ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on March 12, 2026, and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal building and borough website.

ORDINANCE #26-09: CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$349,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH.

No one came forward from the public on Ordinance #26-09.

The vote was recorded, and a roll call was conducted as follows:

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman O’Connell			✓			
Councilman O’Toole			✓			
Councilwoman Lovisolo			✓			
Councilwoman Homan			✓			
Councilman Daloisio	✓		✓			
Councilman Yaccarino		✓	✓			

(See Ordinance #26-09 attached and made a part hereof)

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #26-10:

The Municipal Clerk read into the record:

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SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #26-07:

The Municipal Clerk read into the record:

The following ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on February 19, 2026, and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal building and borough website. It was tabled at its second reading and public hearing on March 12, 2026, due to lack of quorum.

ORDINANCE #26-07: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, SUPPLEMENT AND REVISE THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE, CHAPTER 233, ARTICLE V SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL.

No one came forward from the public on Ordinance #26-07.

The vote was recorded, and a roll call was conducted as follows:

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman O'Connell			✓			
Councilman O'Toole		✓	✓			
Councilwoman Lovisolo			✓			
Councilwoman Homan			✓			
Councilman Daloisio			✓			
Councilman Yaccarino	✓		✓			

(See Ordinance #26-07 attached and made a part hereof)

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #26-08:

The Municipal Clerk read into the record:

“The following ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on March 12, 2026, and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal building and borough website.

ORDINANCE #26-08: 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 2026.

No one came forward from the public on Ordinance #26-08.

The vote was recorded, and a roll call was conducted as follows:

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APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 19, 2026, MEETING MINUTES:

The vote was recorded and a roll call was conducted as follows:

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman O’Connell			✓			
Councilman O’Toole			✓			
Councilwoman Lovisolo		✓	✓			
Councilwoman Homan			✓			
Councilman Daloisio					✓	
Councilman Yaccarino	✓		✓			

APPROVAL OF MARCH 12, 2026, MEETING MINUTES:

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman O’Connell						✓
Councilman O’Toole						✓
Councilwoman Lovisolo			✓			
Councilwoman Homan						✓
Councilman Daloisio		✓	✓			
Councilman Yaccarino	✓		✓			

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #26-06:

The Municipal Clerk read into the record:

The following ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on February 19, 2026, and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal building and borough website. It was tabled at its second reading and public hearing on March 12, 2026, due to lack of quorum.

ORDINANCE #26-06: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, SUPPLEMENT AND REVISE THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, CHAPTER 199-12(N), ARTICLE V MAINTENANCE STANDARDS.

No one came forward from the public on Ordinance #26-06.

The vote was recorded, and a roll call was conducted as follows:

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman O’Connell			✓			
Councilman O’Toole			✓			
Councilwoman Lovisolo	✓		✓			
Councilwoman Homan			✓			
Councilman Daloisio			✓			
Councilman Yaccarino		✓	✓			

(See Ordinance #26-06 attached and made a part hereof)

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A combined Work and 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, New Jersey on March 26, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Amy Wilczynski.

Linda Louise Cervino, 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 and on the Borough website, 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 roll call was recorded as follows:

COUNCIL	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilman O'Connell	✓	
Councilman O'Toole	✓	
Councilpresident Lovisolo	✓	
Councilwoman Homan	✓	
Councilman Daloisio	✓	
Councilman Yaccarino	✓	
Mayor Wilczynski	✓	

A quorum was met.

Also present were the following: Raymond Wiss, Borough Attorney; Alison Altano, Borough Administrator/CFO; Linda Louise Cervino, Municipal Clerk; Police Chief, Michael Dillon; and Andrew Agugliaro, DPW Superintendent.

Mayor Wilczynski led the salute to the flag.

AGENDA REVIEW:

Mayor Wilczynski reviewed the following:

- Second reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance #26-06, #26-07, #26-08, #26-09 and #26-10.
- Introduction of Ordinances #26-11.
- Consent Agenda Items #26-112 through 26-120.
- Resolution #26-121.
- (2) Proclamations.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: No one came forward.

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Thank you, Alison, and the entire finance team for delivering an outstanding budget. This is the result of consistent, year-round effort not just preparing the budget, but continuously reviewing, adjusting, and refining it throughout the year. Without your expertise, Alison, we would not be in the strong financial position we are in today, and I am very proud to acknowledge that achievement. Additionally, it is worth noting that our budget remains the lowest among all municipalities in our region, which is another accomplishment we can take great pride in.

The upcoming Board of Public Utilities (BPU) meeting, referenced by Councilwoman Homan and Borough Attorney Ray Wiss, is a critically important event. We extend our thanks to D39 for their support in attending, and we are pleased that Josh Gotheimer will also be speaking.

This meeting carries significance not only for Allendale but also for broader policy considerations. We are advocating for changes that would prevent utility companies from using rate stabilization agreements to influence voters and ensure that any costs associated with such agreements are absorbed by the companies themselves, rather than passed on to ratepayers. These are business decisions that should not impact the public.

While Allendale is a small town, we hope our efforts will have a meaningful impact. We encourage residents to stay tuned, as we anticipate sharing important developments in the near future.

We had an excellent parade planning meeting this week. Allendale will be hosting a major parade leading into the Holiday Observer's event on September 19, 2026. A dedicated group of volunteers is helping organize the event, and we are excited for the parade. We are reaching out to the entire community, including local merchants, encouraging participation through floats, walking in the parade, and helping bring the community together. It promises to be a truly wonderful event.

Finally, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Allendale Police Department on being recognized as part of the safest city in America—a truly remarkable achievement worth celebrating.

This recognition reflects the dedication of our Chief of Police, the entire Allendale Police Department, our first responders, and the collective commitment of every resident who takes pride in our community. True safety is built on trust, open communication, and a shared commitment to doing what is right.

Thank you all for your service. Please know how deeply the community and this Mayor and Council values your dedication. We fully support each of you in your careers and professional growth, and we are exceptionally proud of your accomplishments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER: Walter Widmer, 38 Hamilton Street, expressed his full support for the initiatives underway. He extended heartfelt gratitude to the Allendale Police Department for their assistance with his wife and took a moment to personally acknowledge the Mayor, stating that none of these achievements would have been possible without their leadership, and that he is deeply appreciative of their efforts.


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No one else from the public came forward.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilwoman Lovisolo, second by Councilwoman Homan and unanimously carried, the work meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda Louise Cervino, RMC
Municipal Clerk

04/09/2026
Date Approved