

**Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale
Work Session Meeting Minutes – 7:30 p.m.
January 19, 2023**

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, New Jersey on January 19, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Wilczynski who welcomed everyone who is joining the meeting in the audience and on Zoom Webinar.

Mayor Wilczynski 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 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. Notice of this meeting by the January 9, 2023 Sunshine Notice was sent to The Record, The Ridgewood News and Star Ledger and has been posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building and Borough website.”

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Liz Homan, Susanne Lovisolo, Ed O’Connell, Matthew O’Toole, Tyler Yaccarino and Mayor Amy Wilczynski.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Raymond Wiss, Borough Attorney
Linda Louise Cervino, Municipal Clerk via Zoom Webinar
Michael Dillon, Chief of Police
John Gil, Director of Communications

APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCIL PERSON

Letter of Recommendation - Allendale Republican Municipal Committee

Mayor Wilczynski stated that the council received an email that was from the Allendale Republican Municipal Committee. They all met on January 11, 2023. They presented three wonderful names and we’re very happy that we have three qualified individuals who wanted to join our council; according to New Jersey Statute 40A:16-11. I hope everyone had an opportunity to read it and I would like to know if someone has a recommendation. Councilman O’Toole made a recommendation. He stated that all of the names that were given to us were very strong candidates. I would like to recommend and endorse Joseph Daloisio. Councilman Yaccarino stated that building upon Councilman O’Toole’s recommendation, I also recommend Joseph Daloisio. Joe has been great to work with in town, and the Holiday Observers know that he would make a great addition to this team. I know we would all work well together.

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Councilwoman Lovisolo stated that she wholeheartedly endorses Joseph Daloisio. Joe and I have served together for many years on the Allendale Land Use Board and a brief time on our municipal committee. If you really want the straight and authentic take on something, you turn to Joe. His expertise on the board is invaluable. He listens to our applicants. He considers everything our professionals say and then he adds his own insight into every application before us. His comments are never frivolous. His questions and suggestions are always on target and on point and he tempers it all with a good nature and attitude in everything he does. He's involved in so many things in town and I just look forward to seeing him here tonight and going forward with this nomination.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Liz White, 26 East Crescent Avenue, Allendale, thanked everyone for reviewing the letter and proposal they had sent from the Municipal Committee. As the Mayor said, we had three great candidates and we are thrilled with all of them, but especially with your endorsement of Joseph Daloisio. We know he's going to do a fabulous job. Susanne spoke about Joe being on the Land Use Board, but Mayor Barra and I have also worked with Joe on the Allendale Housing Inc., our special needs housing board, and Joe has been such a fabulous addition to the board. Much like Susanne said, he's very thoughtful and engaged and such a positive person to work with. I know he's going to be fabulous working with such a great team up here and we really appreciate the consideration tonight. Congratulations, Joe, and thank you to your family.

Councilwoman Homan responded by saying that she thinks that the candidates that you put forward are excellent. I love that we have people that want to volunteer in Allendale for a position like what we're in up here because it certainly is a job that takes all of those characteristics that have been described about Joe. I have heard the same thing, so I am truly looking forward to having the opportunity to work with you on the council. Thank you to you and to your family for being willing to serve alongside of all of us.

Mayor-Emeritus Barra stated that Joe served with us on the Allendale Housing Board and he has been invaluable. But more than his contributions, the thing I'm most impressed about Joe is what a great husband he is and a great father. You can't miss when you have both of those behind you. He will be invaluable to this board. Council, you are so lucky. Congratulations to Joe.

Steve Sasso, 30 Cedar Drive, Allendale, stated that he got to know Joe Daloisio from the Planning Board and now the Land Use Board. He's my around the corner neighbor. I think he's going to be a tremendous addition. I'll be reaching out to him as a resident. These keys were given to me nine years ago by Susan LaMonica Pash who was going out after years on the council and I was going in and she gave them to me. Joe, I'm going to give them to you after you get sworn in.

No one else came forward.

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ADMINISTRATION:

Agenda Review:

Mayor Wilczynski reviewed the Regular Session Agenda which consisted of swearing in of our new Councilperson, second reading of Ordinance 23-01; and eight items on the consent agenda. Alissa Mayer, our current CFO has been with us for 15 years and we will miss her. Our new CFO is Alison Altano. She is lovely and going to fit right in with our team. She starts February 6, 2023. We are also hiring two other people to the police department team; two radio dispatchers.

No comments from the audience or councilmembers regarding the Agenda Review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

Council Reports:

Councilman O’Connell – Department of Public Works

Councilman O’Connell stated that the Christmas tree pickup has been going well. We’re also in the first phase of our auction. We raised \$30,000.00. We’re doing a second phase in February, hoping to make at least as much, if not more. Ron is thankful that no snow has fallen. We’ll save some money in our budget if it continues that way. The DPW will be preparing a couple capital budget line items for the budget coming up.

Councilwoman Lovisolo – Finance, Human Resources and Administration

Councilwoman Lovisolo stated she segued from Land Use Board chair to Finance, Human Resources and Administration chair. It’s been great. I’ll be the second of Land Use so I can still stay involved in that, which I’m really happy about. We postponed our Land Use Committee meeting for a week so that will be next Wednesday morning at eight o’clock. As far as finance goes, Alissa, I’ve only been working with you now a short time, but you are just so well knowledgeable and I thank you for keeping us on a fiscal straight and narrow for so many years. Your expertise is amazing. I learn something every time we’re together. We have been working on the budget. As far as the Green Team, we had a very successful styrofoam collection event in conjunction with Waldwick the other day. I wrote a note to the Waldwick mayor to thank him because he came out that day to help us. Thank you to Mark Savastano for spearheading that and the whole Green Team for being a part of that. I’m also the new liaison to the Library Board. They are having a meeting in the other room right now and doing their reorganization meeting so I’m looking forward to being a part of that as well.

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Councilwoman Homan – Water, Sewer and Public Utilities

Councilwoman Homan stated that as the chair of water and sewer, which you may have heard, the water will really be a transitioning program of Veolia ensuring that they get all of their easements and that we get the remaining funds that are still in escrow until we can provide all of the appropriate easements. It's a great work in progress by our legal team in many aspects, but we've been working well with Veolia. As far as sewer, we do have new numbers for the budget this year from Northwest Bergen Sewer Authority and I'll discuss those at the next meeting because I want to take a deeper dive into how those numbers are being calculated and make sure that we are 100 percent in agreement with all of those numbers. Our next and our first water and sewer meeting this year will be this coming Friday afternoon.

Councilman O'Toole – Law & Public Safety

Councilman O'Toole stated that the Public Safety Committee has not had a meeting since the last council meeting, but we're targeting a date is February 7th. We already have quite an agenda on tap for that evening, covering some significant topics. As you mentioned, Mayor, we will be appointing two new police dispatchers tonight. They are taking the place of Officers Rubino and Dunn, who will be starting the academy tomorrow.

Councilman Yaccarino – Facilities, Parks and Recreation

Councilman Yaccarino stated that this is my first full meeting since being sworn in. I'm in the process of getting acclimated to some of the ins and outs, but Mayor and I have spoken on a couple occasions in the process of getting on board and getting some things in motion here. Thanks to Amy and my fellow council folks and our staff for being supportive so far and I know that will continue. Amy, Ron and I will be having a facilities, parks and recreation meeting next Thursday and we're almost on Page two of our agenda for that meeting. We have a lot of positive things going on; Crestwood and aesthetics. Amy and I also talked about an upcoming ASA Sports Alliance meeting so we'll look to get that on the calendar. Congratulations to Joe. I look forward to you joining us.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Wilczynski said I'm really happy to be here. You are an amazing team and I am super thrilled that we're going to add Joe to our team as well. I'd like to update on 220. We're getting another week closer to our demo day. We have a big meeting tomorrow with all the project managers; the project manager for us who is Chuck Tatosian, the project manager for Hampshire, the project manager for the builder. We're also going to be meeting with the architects to finalize the plans. I'm hoping by the next weekend we'll have a resolution to go to bid to start the process of building our community center. That is going to be exciting for the community. I am looking forward to the monthly mayor's meeting. I had my first Land Use Board meeting yesterday. There are two nice young Allendale families that are making improvements to their house. We have a rabies clinic this Saturday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Red Barn.

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Staff Reports:

Raymond Wiss, Borough Attorney, stated most of our time has been spent on the post-closing efforts on 220 and on the water utility sale. Tom Bouregy has been actively involved on the follow up. We had a meeting with Veolia as recently as this morning on the water utility and most of that is relating to the fact that over a period of years since the borough owned both the land and the utility. Many of the easements that now have to be conveyed to Veolia were really never recorded on record. Veolia has had their surveyor out in the field and will continue to do so probably for the next several months in order to identify where water utilities are located and make metes and bounds descriptions of the easements that are required to be conveyed and then our office will have to prepare the easements for recordation. That process will probably span out several months because we need Veolia to do their work before we can do the legal aspect of it. Other than that, I'm working with the chief on some departmental matters, with Ron Kistner on some personnel matters and some contract matters. I just want to join in saying, Alissa, I've had the opportunity to work with CFOs in half the municipalities in the county and you've always been one of the most professional, confident and diligent. It's been my pleasure. Thank you.

Alissa Mayer, Chief Financial Officer, stated we're working on the budget. I am very happy with the choice of the new CFO.

Mike Dillon, Chief of Police, stated I am sorry to see Alisa go, but I know that it's for much better things for her and her family. We have had interactions with Veolia numerous times since the beginning of the year. There has been a lot of breaks. Our water supervisor is Jim Fahey. He's been very receptive; anytime I call him he answers and he ever shows up to address any issues to assure the repair is going well. That is a seamless transition as far as emergency services. Councilwoman Homan said we do have a transition team in place for the first year, meaning we can set up meetings if there are bumps that are occurring, so I do want to make sure that if there is anything, you please reach out and let myself know. I know Ron will also help facilitate it.

Councilwoman Lovisolo wished our youngest councilman, Tyle Yaccarino, a Happy Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilman Yaccarino, second by Councilwoman O'Toole and unanimously carried, the work meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Linda Louise Cervino

Linda Louise Cervino, RMC
Municipal Clerk

02/23/2023
Date Approved

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Mayor Amy Wilczynski & Members of the Allendale Council
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January 13, 2023

Dear Mayor Wilczynski and members of the Allendale Council,

The Allendale Republican Municipal Committee met on January 11th to discuss filling the vacancy on the governing body that occurred when Mayor Wilczynski was sworn into office on January 5, 2023.

As noted in the New Jersey state statute 40A:16-11, the municipal committee of the political party of which the incumbent was the nominee shall, no later than 15 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, present to the governing body the names of three nominees for the selection of a successor to fill the vacancy.

During the above referenced meeting of January 11th, the municipal committee discussed, and by unanimous decision, is please to present to the governing body the following list of very qualified candidates for appointment to fill the vacancy left on the governing body:

1. Joseph Daloisio III
2. Miguel Grande
3. Sharon Moran

We were very impressed with these candidates willingness to serve and have complete faith in the abilities to provide positive and effective leadership for the residents of Allendale.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

The Allendale Republican Municipal Committee