

**Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2022 – 8:00 p.m.**

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, New Jersey on December 1, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Bernstein who welcomed everyone who is joining the meeting in the audience and on Zoom Webinar. He reminded the public to mute their devices so as not to distract from the business of the meeting. Mayor Bernstein advised the public that they would have two opportunities during this meeting for public comment and he will advise you at the appropriate time.

Mayor Bernstein 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 November 23, 2022 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."

FLAG SALUTE: Mayor Bernstein led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Liz Homan, Susanne Lovisolo, Ed O'Connell, Matthew O'Toole, Steve Sasso and Amy Wilczynski, and Mayor Bernstein

ABSENT: None.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

No one from the public came forward.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Councilwoman Lovisolo, second by Councilwoman Wilczynski that the October 13, 2022 Work Session and October 13, 2022 Regular Session minutes be and is hereby approved.

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

Councilwoman Homan:	aye	Councilman O'Toole:	aye
Councilwoman Lovisolo:	aye	Councilman Sasso:	aye
Councilman O'Connell:	aye	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

(See October 13, 2022 Work Session and Regular Session minutes attached and made a part hereof)

Motion by Councilman O'Connell, second by Councilwoman Lovisolo that the October 27, 2022 Work Session and October 27, 2022 Regular Session minutes be and is hereby approved.

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

Councilwoman Homan:	aye	Councilman O'Toole:	aye
Councilwoman Lovisolo:	aye	Councilman Sasso:	aye
Councilman O'Connell:	aye	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

(See October 27, 2022 Work Session and Regular Session minutes attached and made a part hereof)

Motion by Councilman O'Toole, second by Councilwoman Wilczynski that the November 17, 2022 Work Session and November 17, 2022 Regular Session minutes be and is hereby approved.

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

Councilwoman Homan:	aye	Councilman O'Toole:	aye
Councilwoman Lovisolo:	aye	Councilman Sasso:	aye
Councilman O'Connell:	aye	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

(See November 17, 2022 Work Session and Regular Session minutes attached and made a part hereof)

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SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES:

The Municipal Clerk read into the record:

The following ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on November 17, 2022 and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal building and borough website.

ORDINANCE 22-15: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 128-8 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE ENTITLED “ADDITIONAL REQUIRED INSPECTIONS AND FEES.

Public Comment on Ordinance 22-15: No one came forward.

Motion by Councilman O’Toole, second by Councilman O’Connell, that Ordinance 22-15 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 O’Toole:	aye
Councilwoman Lovisolo:	aye	Councilman Sasso:	aye
Councilman O’Connell:	aye	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

(See Ordinance 22-15 attached and made a part hereof)

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

Motion by Councilman O’Toole that the following ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting December 15, 2022, at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter in the Council Chambers of the Allendale Municipal Building as the place for a hearing on said ordinance. Second by Councilman O’Connell.

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

ORDINANCE 22-16: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF FIRE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE.

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

Councilwoman Homan:	aye	Councilman O’Toole:	aye
Councilwoman Lovisolo:	aye	Councilman Sasso:	aye
Councilman O’Connell:	aye	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

(See Ordinance 22-16 attached and made a part hereof)

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CONSENT AGENDA:

Matters listed below are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Council and one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member requests an item be removed for consideration.

- RES 22-250:** TAX OVERPAYMENTS.
- RES 22-251:** AUTHORIZE CANCELLATIONS OF TAXES – UNCOLLECTIBLE PROPERTIES.
- RES 22-252:** BUDGET TRANSFERS.
- RES 22-253:** APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIAL TOWING COMPANIES.
JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025.
- RES 22-254:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO NYSMA LEASE AGREEMENT.
- RES 22-255:** APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL COURT AGREEMENT & AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR TO SIGN 2023 INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT – BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS.
- RES 22-256:** APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR REGISTRAR, DEPUTY REGISTRAR AND VITAL STATISTICS SERVICES - NORTHWEST BERGEN REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025.
- RES 22-257:** APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR, DEPUTY REGISTRAR AND ALTERNATE REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025.
- RES 22-258:** APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 1, 2022 LIST OF BILLS.

Motion by Councilwoman Lovisolo, second by Councilwoman Wilczynski that the Consent Agenda be and is hereby approved.

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

Councilwoman Homan:	aye	Councilman O’Toole:	aye
Councilwoman Lovisolo:	aye	Councilman Sasso:	aye
Councilman O’Connell:	aye	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

(See Resolutions 22-250 through 22-258 attached and made a part hereof)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

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Staff Reports:

Raymond Wiss, Borough Attorney, stated the borough has had quite a bit on its plate over the last couple of months and the last couple of years. In addition to 220 and the water utility sale, we're busy in a lot of other ways. We have happenings on the cell tower. I've been working with the chief on several matters involving the police department and also with the chief and Ron on matters involving the fire department. There has certainly been a lot on the borough's plate. 220, as councilwoman Wilczynski mentioned, is in a very formative state and the meetings there are happening almost daily. There is a lot to do post closing. The one motivating factor that I think is probably most important for the public at all times was that Liz was concerned about the water quality for the municipality and the ability to deliver safe drinking water not only in the present, but for decades to come. We talk about PFAS and PFOA and expanding regulations and Liz educated herself beyond the realms so that when she's speaking to the experts in that area I think she's half educating them. I will admit she's educating the attorneys on that, and when she's dealing with the engineers, she's educating the engineers on that. A team doesn't just happen to come together. A team has to be assembled, have a game plan and Liz did all of that. It wasn't just the regulations or the fact that it's a small municipality. We are geared to having a full staff and a full water department and deal with the administrative stuff. Those are all cost pluses. A part from the PFAS and the millions of dollars that it would have taken in term of bond indebted from the borough to address those problems, you have an antiquated system; normal repairs and taking care of old pipes and old pumps and things like that. It was in so many ways a win-win. Again, to put together the game plan, then put together the team, and then get to the end zone, Liz gets Kudos on that. Mayor Bernstein thanked attorney Ray Wiss.

Linda Louise Cervino, Municipal Clerk, stated she had nothing to report.

John Gil, Director of Communications, stated the garbage and recycling guide for 2023 is currently in production with a goal of hitting mailboxes between Christmas and New Years.

Tyler Yaccarino, Borough Webmaster & IT, congratulated Liz. Thanks to her, the professionals and the team, that it's a service that all of our residents use every day. We're going to start to look at unifying some of our communication and collaboration platforms over the next couple of months. We're going to get some pricing on that.

Mike Dillon, Chief of Police, stated year-end close outs and re-accreditation mandates. I'm working with Director of Operations, Ron Kistner, on an HVAC facility grant for police headquarters and addressing short-term and long-term concerns of residents. I know we focus a lot on clean water, but in my world, I focus a lot on infrastructure hardening and also fire suppression, so an adequate fire pressure and volume. It's very important to have a team of professionals, both on the local level and with Veolia that work together for the safety of our residents. Thank you.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Savastano, 22 Vreeland Place, Allendale, stated that he did work out an agreement with Waldwick with regard to the EPS collections that he had proposed so we won't need to use the facilities here on January 7, 2023. Mark Savastano shared copies of the flyer of the event held in Waldwick. It will be open to Allendale as well as Waldwick for the first hour only and then to all Bergen municipalities beyond that.

He also stated that he wanted to ask Ron the status of a piece of sidewalk in town. He promised that it would be addressed before winter. If someone can pass that along to him I'd really like to get that piece of sidewalk corrected as soon as possible.

No one else came forward.

CLOSED SESSION:

RES 22-249/Authorize Closed Session

1. Pending Litigation – Current Tax Appeals

Motion by Councilwoman Homan, seconded by Councilman Sasso, that Resolution 22-249 be and is hereby approved.

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

Councilwoman Homan:	aye	Councilman O'Toole:	aye
Councilwoman Lovisolo:	aye	Councilman Sasso:	aye
Councilman O'Connell:	aye	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

(See Resolution 22-249 attached and made a part hereof)

The Mayor and Council went into Closed Executive Session at 8:19 p.m. Minutes of this meeting were taken and will be released to the public at the time the matter is resolved.

The Regular Session meeting resumed at 8:46 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilman Sasso, with second by Councilwoman Lovisolo, and unanimously carried, the Regular Session was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Louise Cervino

Linda Louise Cervino, RMC
Municipal Clerk

12/15/2022
Date Approved