

Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale  
Work Session Meeting Minutes  
April 14, 2022

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Raymond Wiss, Borough Attorney  
Michelle Ryan, Acting Municipal Clerk  
Ron Kistner, Director of Operations/Administrative Officer  
John Gil, Director of Communications  
Tyler Yaccarino, Webmaster and IT

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, NJ on April 14, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Bernstein who 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 an opportunity at an appropriate time during the meeting to be heard.

Mayor Bernstein asked that the Acting 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. Notice of this meeting by the April 12, 2022 Sunshine Notice was sent to The Record, Ridgewood News and Star Ledger and has been posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building and Borough website."

**Public Comment:**

Mark Savastano, 22 Vreeland Place, stated that he was hoping to speak with Chief Dillon, who is not present tonight, about enforcing the tinted car windows law. He recently read an article on microplastics, which was very concerning, and another about an organic farm in Maine that shut down due to PFAS. He will provide copies to Ms. Ryan to share with the Governing Body.

James Thomas, 30 Arlton Avenue, read a statement requesting that the Governing Body conduct tonight's closed session discussion on 220 West Crescent in public for the community's benefit.

Councilwoman Homan informed Mr. Thomas that she followed up on his prior inquiry regarding the status of the decommissioned wells. These wells are permanently capped and have no pumps or equipment inside them. The five wells that are currently being used are the ones that will be sold to Suez.

**Closed Session:**

Motion by Councilman Sasso, second by Councilwoman Wilczynski to approve

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Resolution 22-112, which authorizes the Governing Body to enter into Closed Executive Session under:

1. 220 W. Crescent Avenue Contract Negotiations Update (Attorney-Client Privilege)
2. Acquisition of Real Property using Public Funds Update (Attorney-Client Privilege)

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 22-112 attached and made a part hereof.)

The Mayor and Council went into Closed Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. and exited at 8:00 p.m. Minutes of this meeting were taken and will be released to the public at the time the matter is resolved. The Work Session meeting resumed at 8:00 p.m.

**Administration:**

A. Agenda Review

Due to time constraints, this was held in the Regular Session.

B. Council Reports

Due to time constraints, this was held in the Regular Session.

C. Mayor's Report

Due to time constraints, this was held in the Regular Session.

D. Staff Reports

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**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilman O'Connell, second by Councilwoman Wilczynski, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Ryan  
Acting Municipal Clerk