

**Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
December 15, 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 15, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m. by Mayor Bernstein who welcomed everyone who was 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 several 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 December 5, 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, Matthew O'Toole, Steve Sasso and Amy Wilczynski, and Mayor Bernstein

ABSENT: Councilman Ed O'Connell.

ALSO PRESENT: Raymond Wiss, Borough Attorney
Ron Kistner, Director of Operations/Administrative Officer
Linda Louise Cervino, Municipal Clerk
John Gil, Director of Communications

(Continue from Work Session)

Councilwoman Homan spoke about Councilman Sasso. I met Steve really when he started getting involved with the council. I didn't really know Steve at all prior to that. When I came on to the council, I really got to know Steve. I feel like I would say you're like my wing man. You make me laugh. You challenge me, which is good. You had my back. I feel like you did it again. It was challenged always in the way of just trying to open my mind to make sure I thought about all the different options and the times where I said I don't know or I'm not sure; especially with water, there was a lot. So, I always can guarantee that you would work to have some sort of opinion or a perspective on what I needed help with. As far as the comedy side of things, you definitely helped me laugh not only at myself, but with whatever situation I was dealing with. It's been such a pleasure. I know you didn't love water and sewer, but it was very good for me to have you on water and sewer with me. We went through a lot of grunt work together. Steve always does text early in the morning. He'll send articles.

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I certainly hope that will continue. Many hugs to you. I look forward to seeing you here out and about heckling us as time goes on.

Mayor Bernstein stated, what's been so wonderful about these experiences, everyone has their strengths and weaknesses and everyone has, I think, a vantage point. You get a better product that way. Over the years we've served together and you have a different way of looking at things and you have a different way to do it. To me, that's helpful. Yours is who you are. I remember in serving with you and being on the council you bring a lot to the table. You take it very passionately, and just by that email that came in two days ago about a sign and you said you didn't know and forty-five minutes later it was before eight o'clock and you had already responded and you had already taken care of it. Not everyone acts that way. You took it seriously, you brought a lot to the table, you are smart, and whereas other people would do it differently, you did it your way. It suited you and it was good for Allendale. Serving with you has been great. Councilman Sasso thanked the Mayor.

Councilwoman Wilczynski stated that she did not know Councilman Sasso until he joined the council. She stated that Steve was on the facilities committee. We just took Crestwood Lake by the storm that year. I remember we just went there every day and we were just looking for a cool thing to do. I remember we even went to Kohl's and bought Adirondack chairs and put them together. We just had a lot of fun. You always had great ideas and, again, you have a passion that came through definitely with Crestwood Lake, but most memorably was the signs. That was such a great idea. I'll never forget the woman who came in here and was just touched and she was crying and she just couldn't believe it. Fortunately, my son was part of that too and got to raise the money for that. It was a great project. He did all the research and it was an excellent experience for him as well. You spearheaded that. You had that idea. We try to get people to do it. We went to the boys scouts and we just made it happen. It was a great idea. You are just so passionate about the veterans; you recommended that Crestwood Lake have a discount membership for our veterans and we do that. The legacy is also the Land Use. You just love Land Use. Councilman Sasso said, he really does love it and he will miss it. I look forward to your early morning text; usually five thirty or six. It's been fun and we'll definitely keep in touch. I look forward to many more years of friendship.

Councilwoman Lovisolo stated that she was so fortunate to have Steve as her second after she stepped into some very big shoes with the Land Use Committee. I'm not sure there's anyone that knows the ins and outs of our code quite the way you do and you are such an incredible resource. I was so happy to be working again with you because I was one of the people that actually did know you before you were on council. In fact, I remember when Mr. Scirico (phonetic) brought your name up as someone who would be great on council, and you have been. It's obvious how much you love this town. I think it was actually at a Republican Club meeting where you first brought up the idea of honoring our veterans and their Gold Star families with a more specific sign for them in town and I'm so glad that came to fruition. I'm going to miss your expertise, but you've already said I can call you at any time, and I'm sure I'm going to be doing that. Thank you for your years of service.

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Councilman Sasso thanked Councilwoman Lovisolo and he stated she will be hearing from him too because it was tough for him to let go of Land Use, but knows it's in good hands.

Councilman O'Toole stated to Steve that his time on the council has been marked by some very noteworthy accomplishments which will benefit Allendale for many, many years to come. Councilman O'Toole thanked Steve for everything and wished him nothing but the best. Councilman Sasso thanked everyone.

Photos were taken by John Gil.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Liz White, 26 East Crescent Avenue, Allendale, thanked Ari and Steve for their years of service. She stated, I'm not sure any of you remember Ari's first council meeting. We're very lucky he's still sitting on that dais because he almost bolted straight out the door that day. He looked at Vince and me and was, like, what did you get me into. Mayor Bernstein stated as he was leaving his office today coming here he flashed back to that day and he remembered going home and saying to Linda, oh my God, what did I do. Ms. White said she was so lucky to serve with Ari and have you there while she was mayor. She further stated to Ari that he is such a genuine person and how much Allendale means to him just shines right through. I think what everyone said about being such a caring and loving person and really putting Allendale first all of these years, we're so very grateful. Thank you for not running out the door and everything you've done. Liz White stated to Councilman Sasso about Land Use that we had a lot of fun with it. I enjoyed doing it with you.

Fred Litt, 32 Sherrie Drive, Allendale, stated I am a ghost from council past. Former Mayor White and myself were with Ari on that first meeting. We hold the higher ranks, but she was allowed to tell that story. It was an interesting beginning. Mr. Litt congratulated Councilman Sasso on nine years. No one understands the commitment that you made. Nine years is a long time to be here and to do the meetings. I love Land Use as well. Enjoy the time off. To my friend, Ari, I think history will look kindly at you. You stood up and met the challenge of COVID. We were in the middle of a national health crisis that the public did not necessarily understand nor did we have a conclusion. In a New York mayor of LaGuardia-like fashion, you communicated with the residents. I think that was absolutely spectacular. I would like to edit your proclamation just one thing and I think the one thing that history should remember you for is you are probably the first mayor to tell a joke. 15 years is unbelievable. Thank you as a resident and as a former colleague. It's really an amazing commitment that you made to the community.

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Mark Savastano, 22 Vreeland Place, Allendale, handed out a flyer. Mr. Savastano thanked Councilman Sasso for always responding very quickly to his emails. He also thanked Mayor Bernstein. He stated, I've always been with you as a member of the Green Team. Mayor Bernstein thanked Mr. Savastano and said he appreciates all that Mr. Savastano has done.

Steve Rycroft, 26 McDermott Court, Allendale, introduced himself. I'm a beneficiary of one of those signs. I didn't know who to thank because our sign was gone for about three months before that one was put in so it's great to have it. Mr. Savastano said the handout that I presented was meant to make everyone aware of our activities over the past year. Thank you for allowing us to regroup and become Green Team. I wanted to identify our efforts to contribute to a more sustainable Allendale as we strive to make citizens, businesses and our government aware of known opportunities to reduce the waste stream. Ultimately, we're saving the borough money and indirectly we're saving citizen's money and that's one of our goals. The handout highlights our efforts. We're glad for the opportunity to share this information with you. I did share some information about some changes that we would like to see including getting a webpage so we can share more information with the citizens. I wrote some statistics about the compost bin that enthusiastically use in my yard. We've been able to do the TREX program. We are having a Styrofoam recycling event on January 7th, and I've also identified some businesses in the area that offer opportunities for the citizens to get rid of it and not wait for a special event. At Staples they collect electronics all year round. It's been a great opportunity. I hope to continue to do this indefinitely.

Walter Widmer, 38 Hamilton Street, Allendale, wanted to thank whoever was responsible for the delivery of the gift bag for seniors including the blanket. His wife uses it all the time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Councilwoman Wilczynski, second by Councilwoman Lovisolo that the December 1, 2022 Work Session and December 1, 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:	absent	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

**(See December 1, 2022 Work Session and Regular Session minutes
attached and made a part hereof)**

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Motion by Councilwoman Homan, second by Councilwoman Wilczynski that the December 1, 2022 Closed 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:	absent	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

**(Closed Session Minutes were taken and will be released to the public
at the time that the matter is resolved)**

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES:

Public Comment on Ordinance 22-16: No one came forward.

The Municipal Clerk read into the record:

The following ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on December 1, 2022 and posted on the bulletin board of the lobby of the municipal building and borough website.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Homan, second by Councilwoman Wilczynski, that Ordinance 22-16 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:	absent	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

Motion by Councilwoman Homan that the following ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting January 5, 2023, at 7:00 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 Councilwoman Wilczynski.

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

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ORDINANCE 22-17: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN LAND TO JULIE MUELLER PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.

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:	absent	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

(See Ordinance 22-17 attached and made a part hereof)

Motion by Councilwoman Homan that the following ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting January 5, 2023, at 7:00 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 Councilwoman Wilczynski.

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

ORDINANCE 22-18: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A CERTAIN LAND TO TANYA CONWAY AND CHRISTOPHER PALING OF 36 BEDFORD PLACE, RAMSEY, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.

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:	absent	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

(See Ordinance 22-18 attached and made a part hereof)

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 22-259: SCHEDULE 2022 SINE DIE MEETING & 2023 REORGANIZATION MEETING.

RES 22-260: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND PERFORMANCE BOND IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 2101, LOTS 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 AND 8.

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- RES 22-261: AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR TO SIGN TREATMENT WORKS APPROVAL APPLICATION.
- RES 22-262: CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE – MA-20 & MA-21 WEST ALLENDALE AVENUE STREETScape PROJECT PHASE III & IV.
- RES 22-263: BUDGET TRANSFERS.
- RES 22-264: AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS – PERFORMANCE GUARANTY – BLOCK 2202, LOT 3.
- RES 22-265: BILL LIST OF DECEMBER 15, 2022.
- RES 22-266: APPROVAL OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE BETWEEN BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE AND HAMPSHIRE VENTURE PARTNERS, LLC.
- RES 22-267: APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY WORK AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE AND HAMPSHIRE VENTURE PARTNERS, LLC.
- RES 22-268: APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE AND HAMPSHIRE ALLENDALE MF URBAN RENEWAL LLC FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 1005, LOT 20.02.

Motion by Councilman Sasso, 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:	absent	Councilwoman Wilczynski:	aye

(See Resolutions 22-259 through 22-268 attached and made a part hereof)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Councilman Sasso – Facilities, Parks and Recreation, stated he has nothing to report.

Councilwoman Homan – Water, Sewer and Public Utilities

Councilwoman Homan stated, we do still have 14.5 million dollars in the bank from the sale, but there is remaining paperwork to wrap up the loose ends of the Veolia transaction and that continues to be worked on by our team. Upon conclusion of all the paperwork, we will have the remaining monies from escrow. It could take several months to complete, but I have complete confidence that our team will have this work completed as soon as possible. Veolia has been aggressively pursuing temporary treatment to be installed at New Street. We do hope that the NJDEP approvals will come through quickly. They will then be working to put in permanent treatment for not only the three wells that are at New Street, but also piping the water down from Well 11 for treatment. It's certainly a win for Allendale residents. Veolia is also working to put in temporary treatment at Well 11, which is on West Crescent. As I shared at the last meeting, we do have a violation for PFOA for Well 11, so letters will be going out to every resident that receives water from Allendale.

This is something that we've been talking about for years at this point and, really, Allendale has been tremendously fortunate that we have not had a violation from this point. It is a running angle average. Well 11 has been turned off and Veolia will only be turning that well back on at the time where we must have water for the spring and summer season because Allendale uses a tremendous amount of water in the spring and summer. If we do not have that well, we don't have the capacity at this point to keep the water pressure at the level that it needs to be even when we were on water restrictions. However, Veolia is working to have temporary treatment put into that well area by May of 2023. Many things have to come into place. We're trying to work with them in getting the surrounding areas prepared. They have to work with NJDEP to delineate wetlands, use surveys, extend easements, get licenses; all these things. It is a lot of work, but Veolia is a good partner and this is a good example of their urgency to get temporary treatment to turn that well on. I will keep everybody updated on the progress, but people will need to be prepared to receive those notices.

Councilwoman Wilczynski - Facilities, Parks and Recreation

Councilwoman Wilczynski said there are three significant resolutions on the consent agenda; 22-266, which is the approval of the second amendment of the purchase and sale agreement for 220; 22-267, which is the preliminary work agreement; and 22-268, the execution of the redevelopment agreement. After all of my reports every month, I talk about all of the legal documents that we've been going through; these are the three major ones. Now, these are finalized once we approve the vote. Once we close on the property, the borough will receive \$3,050,000 and that will be put in an escrow to build our new community center. The borough will be building the community center. We will be going out to bid in accordance with the local public contracts law. Hampshire will be building the 70 units. In fact, they already started to the asbestos abatement.

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There's a fence around there now. They are going to cut the utilities. After we close, which should be in another two weeks, they will be demolishing. They are ready to go and they are ready to demo, so we will see significant movement in that area. We will be going to bid shortly thereafter. We are waiting for final architect plans, but they are almost done. As I've mentioned in the past, we've also applied for a federal grant; significant money, \$3.5 million dollars. We should be getting it. We were told that we passed through the first round, but we don't know until the money is in the bank. We are waiting on the status of that. It's in Congress right now and they should be voting on that soon. I will be updating everybody. I'll start the updates again on the website.

I have to thank the attorneys as we were battling the last couple months. We were literally on the phone together for hours and hours a day. Special thanks to Mayor Emeritus Vince Barra. He really has been the second hand person in this. This is the third year that we have done the bags for seniors. It's a very successful program that we started during COVID. This year we teamed up with Allendale Circle of Support. The borough gives some financial support to them and they are taking it under their wing and they also supply some funds towards it. We met up here at borough hall and stuffed all the baskets and we delivered them all. The first year we started we were at 70 last year, maybe 110, and now we're up to 150. We keep getting names added. It's a lot of fun and the seniors love them. I want to thank all the people that helped including Mayor Emeritus Liz White, Councilwoman Liz Homan and Councilwoman Susanne Lovisolo. We all chipped in and it was a lot of fun.

Councilman O'Toole – Law & Public Safety

Councilman O'Toole stated that the Public Safety Committee met just the other day on Tuesday. AVAC Chief Bottaro and Fire Department Chief Baez joined us to give us updates on the departments. I'm sure everyone is aware that Verizon has spent almost a week digging up Franklin Turnpike by the Celery Farm. A vault which houses a number of copper phone lines became inundated with mud and water, thereby destroying said copper lines. So not only did these lines carry radio signals from dispatch points to remote area antennas, but some agencies rely on this infrastructure for voice calls as well. Although this was a major outage, Allendale was minimally impacted due to the fact that we recently upgraded our phones to VOIP for all the borough offices. We have a backup transmitter at police headquarters. At no time did our 911 connection fail. All borough emergency services collaborated to migrate the last radio line off of this antiquated technology. The police department continues to work with various community organizations.

As the first significant snow fall this season is forecast, residents are reminded that on-street parking is prohibited whenever snow is falling. Finally, a big thank you to all of our emergency services for helping to make the Holiday Observers gift from Santa a huge success once again. As usual, Santa arrived on the fire truck on time. Chief Dillon was on scene for the entire event. A huge gratitude to Ron and the entire DPW for prepping the area and clearing the area afterwards. We say it after every event; the Holiday Observers cannot do it without the support of the borough and their assistance.

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Councilwoman Lovisolo – Land Use and Construction Code

Councilwoman Lovisolo stated that the Land Use Committee will meet next Wednesday morning, the 21st of December at 8 a.m. As we look to finish out this year, I just want to give a shout out to my committee members, Mayor Ari Bernstein and Councilman Steve Sasso. You guys are both going to be very missed. We have one last meeting next week. Ron Kistner, Anthony Hackett, Michael Vreeland who continue to work so hard on behalf of our borough. Thank you. I also want to thank Mike Limatola who wanted to be here this evening, but, unfortunately, couldn't be. He's going to come to the January meeting. Mike and I have known each other for years; the first year on the Fell house, and the past year on some property maintenance issues. Mike is always very fair and works hard to make sure that Allendale continues to be that charming place that it is.

Come the New Year, we're going to amend and tweak our code in ways we've discussed this year, whether in regard to tree removal or enforcing our sign, most notably neon and/or lit sign ordinances. We'll work together to get the wording in place and then, of course, continue to remind our residents to check with our building department before they undertake any notable projects with their properties or businesses.

Closing out this year, I want to thank everyone up here for making my first year on the council so enjoyable. Ray, it's been a pleasure getting to know you much better this year as well. I was in awe of our water committee, of which I was councilwoman Homan's second on, and appreciative of how much time everyone up here puts into their committees. Thank you, Mark and Steven, and the rest of the Green Team for all of your diligence and hard work this year as well. We are truly fortunate to be public servants for this incredible borough of ours, and I thank you all.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Bernstein stated that on December 21, 2022, Valley Chabad and the borough will be hosting a Hanukkah celebration at 6 p.m. at borough hall. I want to thank everyone who works to make them happen. I want to thank our first responders; AVAC, the police department and fire department keeping everyone safe during events.

Staff Reports:

Raymond Wiss, Borough Attorney,

Mr. Wiss stated, I've been involved with Mr. Kistner and Chief Dillon on a lot of matters involving personnel operations with the police department. Councilwoman Homan and Councilwoman Wilczynski summed up what my office has been involved in and it has been about 24/7, and I suppose this is our last meeting before the New Year. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah and Happy Holidays.

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

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Ron Kistner, Director of Operations/Administrative Officer, stated, regarding the leaf program, on behalf of the DPW employees, I want to thank the majority of the residents who cooperated and we got very few calls this year. It seemed like the program did very well. Last Sunday night into Monday morning those ice storms, which we had rain, the DPW employees went through 100 tons of salt and we will get reimbursed from the county roads another 50 tons of salt. At night we had to resalt a few times because they would refreeze. One of the circling pumps has been ordered. The downtown streetscape project Phase III and IV are almost completed. Lights are supposed to be in this week. We received \$316,000 for Phase V of the project. I put out bids for the clock tower earlier this winter. I received two bids. The one company that bid on it, him and his brother worked on the clock in 1991. The clock tower will be done in the spring. The PSE&G project is replacing the steel that's old. It's a difficult project. I'm thankful for John Gil and his communication skills for keeping the residents abreast every two weeks what's happening. I'll work with public service and we'll get a good amount of streets paved in 2023. It's confirmed that we're getting paved Franklin Turnpike from Waldwick up to Ramsey.

John Gil, Director of Communications, stated that the December newsletter is on schedule to go out early next week. Our garbage and recycling guide will be in mailboxes right before New Years. Thank you to the Green Team for input on that. We've included a lot of your recommendations. Thank you, Mayor and Councilman, for making the two and a half years that I've been here an absolute great time. Mayor Bernstein thanked John Gil.

Tyler Yaccarino, Borough Webmaster & IT, stated that while those 911 were down, Allendale police stayed up. At no point did operations or phone system go down. Because we made that migration almost a year ago this month and we stayed online and I think that's very significant to note. Since we put in the new system, total calls in and out and internal is 103,948. Luckily, we were able to implement that. Another thing to note is I worked with John and talked to Ron; we had some new items on order for our council, IT redevelopment, if you will. We're going to have a new camera system, a couple of new pieces of equipment that are on order. We're really looking forward to that. I just wanted to also note, Steve, Land Use was a big passion of yours; the street signs. Those are things people see every day. The ordinances that you helped craft. The decisions that you made on the Land Use Board are things that people see every day. It's things that have benefited residents in the past years and benefit us for years to come, with the Master Plan and the things that you helped put in place. I know that we're very grateful to you for that. Councilman Sasso thanked Tyler.

Tyler also stated to Ari that he, too, has been a good friend. You've served this town with great honor and dignity and you've commanded the respect of all of our residents. As many have said here tonight you make everyone feel welcomed and warm and you listen to everyone. While I will not have the pleasure of serving with you, I look forward to serving with the next mayor and council. Your leadership and your time on council, like Steve's, has left this town a better place because of your contributions and your inclusiveness to all of our residents. I know we're going to continue to do that, but you, like Liz and Vince and everybody else have started that, you continued it and for years to come and we will continue that tradition. Thank you, Ari. Mayor Bernstein thanked Tyler and said very well said and we're thrilled to have you up here.

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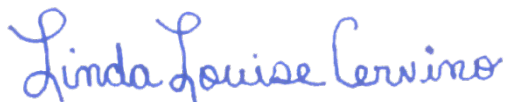
PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one else came forward.

ADJOURNMENT TO SINE DIE:

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilwoman Homan, with second by Councilwoman Wilczynski, and unanimously carried, the Regular Session was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Louise Cervino, RMC
Municipal Clerk

02/09/2023

Date Approved