

Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale  
Work Session Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Ari Bernstein and Councilmembers Liz Homan, Matthew O'Toole, Steve Sasso, and Amy Wilczynski

ABSENT: Councilmembers Edward O'Connell and Jim Strauch

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Attorney Raymond Wiss  
Municipal Clerk Anne Dodd

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 August 8, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Ari Bernstein who 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, published in the Record within the first 10 days of the New Year, and copies are sent to the Ridgewood News and Star Ledger."

**Public Comment:**

No one came forward.

**Presentations:**

A. Oath of Office to Mayor for a Day – Hailey Sadowsky

Mayor Bernstein commented that he is honored to be joined by Hailey and Jordan Sadowsky who will be sworn in as Mayor for a Day. He then administered the Oath of Office to Mayor for a Day Hailey Sadowsky.

B. Oath of Office to Mayor for a Day – Jordan Sadowsky

Mayor Bernstein administered the Oath of Office to Mayor for a Day Jordan Sadowsky.

C. Proclamation – Mayor for a Day – Jordan Sadowsky

Mayor Bernstein read the following proclamation into the record:

**Proclamation  
in Honor of  
"Mayor Jordan Sadowsky Day"**

**WHEREAS**, *young people gain valuable citizenship skills by learning about state and local government; and*

**WHEREAS**, *in honor of our young citizens, a "Mayor for a Day" event was auctioned at the Allendale Foundation for Educational Excellence Annual Dinner and Auction, an event that helps fund grants to enrich the Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade educational experiences at Hillside and Brookside Schools; and*

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**WHEREAS**, the “Mayor for a Day” event is a first step into the world of local politics as the winner sees the inner workings of Borough Hall and other municipal facilities as they follow Mayor Bernstein in his duties as the leader of the Borough of Allendale; and

**WHEREAS**, by working to educate our young people in the duties, responsibilities and opportunities of citizenship, this event will contribute to the success of the winner as a future leader of our state and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Gillian Sadowsky won the “Mayor for a Day” prize for her daughter, Jordan Sadowsky, who is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student at Hillside School; and

**WHEREAS**, Jordan is a bright, kind, happy, caring and thoughtful young lady who enjoys having fun and spending time with family and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Jordan is an accomplished cheerleader; and

**WHEREAS**, Jordan is active in the community, being a member of Daisy Scouts and the ARC Soccer Team.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Ari Bernstein, Mayor of the Borough of Allendale, officially proclaim that August 12<sup>th</sup> be recognized as “Mayor Jordan Sadowsky Day” within the Borough of Allendale; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale encourages all its citizen to work together to prepare our young people to be good citizens.

D. Proclamation – Mayor for a Day – Hailey Sadowsky

Mayor Bernstein read the following proclamation into the record:

**Proclamation  
in Honor of  
“Mayor Hailey Sadowsky Day”**

**WHEREAS**, young people gain valuable citizenship skills by learning about state and local government; and

**WHEREAS**, in honor of our young citizens, a “Mayor for a Day” event was auctioned at the Allendale Foundation for Educational Excellence Annual Dinner and Auction, an event that helps fund grants to enrich the Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade educational experiences at Hillside and Brookside Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Mayor for a Day” event is a first step into the world of local politics as the winner sees the inner workings of Borough Hall and other municipal facilities as they follow Mayor Bernstein in his duties as the leader of the Borough of Allendale; and

**WHEREAS**, by working to educate our young people in the duties, responsibilities and opportunities of citizenship, this event will contribute to the success of the winner as a future leader of our state and nation; and

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**WHEREAS**, Gillian Sadowsky won the “Mayor for a Day” prize for her daughter, Hailey Sadowsky, who is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student at Hillside School; and

**WHEREAS**, Hailey is a bright, kind, happy, caring and thoughtful young lady who enjoys having fun and spending time with family and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Hailey loves to dance, sew, cook and run; and

**WHEREAS**, Hailey is active in the community, being a member of Daisy Scouts and the ARC Soccer Team.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Ari Bernstein, Mayor of the Borough of Allendale, officially proclaim that August 9<sup>th</sup> be recognized as “Mayor Hailey Sadowsky Day” within the Borough of Allendale; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale encourages all its citizen to work together to prepare our young people to be good citizens.

**Administration:**

A. Agenda Review

Mayor Bernstein reviewed the Regular Session agenda. He provided a brief overview of the resolutions on the Consent Agenda. He highlighted Resolution #19-207 which approves the purchase of vehicles and snow removal equipment for the DPW and requested that Ron Kistner, Administrative Officer/Director of Operation, speak on this purchase.

Mr. Kistner advised that these purchases are being made now in order to prepare for snow removal during the winter months. He noted that the funds for these purchases were provided for in the capital budget.

With respect to Resolution #19-208, Councilwoman Wilczynski explained that RTP Environmental Associates, Inc. is being appointed to assist with the delineation and oversight of the environmental piece of the 220 and 230 West Crescent Avenue project.

B. Council Reports

**Councilman O’Toole – Public Works**

Councilman O’Toole reported that the milling phase of Hillside, Brookside, and W. Orchard is scheduled to take place on August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The preconstruction meeting for the Franklin Turnpike Drainage project was held last week and work is scheduled to begin this coming Monday. It is anticipated to take four to six weeks to complete this project. The 2018 and 2019 compost has been picked up and the recycling area is being prepared for fall and winter leaf collection. Councilman O’Toole advised that he attended National Night Out which he commented was fantastic. He thanked all those who made this night a success.

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**Councilwoman Wilczynski** – Facilities, Parks and Recreation

With respect to 220 and 230 West Crescent Avenue, Councilwoman Wilczynski explained that ancillary agreements are in the review process. She commented that National Night Out was a great event and acknowledged the efforts of Michelle Ryan, Deputy Clerk, who was instrumental in putting this event together. She further commented that Ms. Ryan is a tremendous asset to the Borough. Councilwoman Wilczynski then reviewed upcoming events at Crestwood Lake. The band shell is anticipated to be completed within the next few weeks. The Borough is working with the Holiday Observers on its upcoming Centennial Celebration which is scheduled to take place on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The Borough is looking to implement Constant Contact as an additional forum to communicate information to residents. Councilwoman Wilczynski commended Rich McDowell of the DPW for the amazing job that he is doing in maintaining the water quality at Crestwood Lake.

**Councilman Sasso** – Administration, Finance and Human Resources

Councilman Sasso announced that the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee is scheduled to meet on August 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

He advised that the Public Safety Committee met last night and Councilman Strauch will provide an update at the next Mayor and Council meeting. He noted that Sergeant Mattiace apprehended a perpetrator involved in an assault and shoplifting incident at the Home Depot in Mahwah.

**Councilwoman Homan** – Water, Sewer and Public Utilities

Councilwoman Homan commented that the Fairhaven Tank looks great. She advised that she, Mr. Kistner, Mike Vreeland, Borough Engineer, and Layne Simon, Water Projects Coordinator, will be attending a water quality workshop at Suez. The Consumer Confidence Report has been posted to the Water Department section of the Borough website and copies are available downstairs. The next Water, Sewer and Public Utilities Committee meeting is scheduled on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

C. Mayor's Report

Mayor for a Day Jordan Sadowsky reported that property taxes are due by August 12<sup>th</sup>, the last day to pay without interest. Payments can be made by check, money order or through the Borough website.

Mayor for a Day Hailey Sadowsky advised that the Sinatra concert will take place at Crestwood Lake this Sunday at 7 p.m. She noted that all events are open to the public.

Mayor Bernstein commented that National Night Out was a great event. He thanked Mayor Minichetti from Upper Saddle River for spearheading this event. He also thanked all involved and expressed special thanks to Michelle Ryan who orchestrated many aspects of this event. He then read the following email from Chief Scherb into the record:

“Committee –

Although I didn't have the opportunity today to get the thank you notes out to those who helped us last night for our event, I did want to let you know about a couple people/groups who were

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instrumental in making it what it was. Each of them worked in the background, yet had a profound effect on the success of this undertaking...

Michelle Ryan was the key to getting all the food vendors there and squared away paperwork-wise. She also was the prime contact for the inflatables vendors, booking them and assuring their paperwork was all in order. And, she was also responsible for securing our sponsors for the event, which allowed us to provide the inflatable slide, games and bounce house for the kids. In short, she made this event what it was, and deserves a HUGE thank you.

CERT – Kevin Montanye and the CERT team did their usual spectacular job managing the parking and traffic flow in/out of the event. This is a thankless but essential job that no one notices as long as things go well. Thankfully, we have good people who assure that it does, and make it look easy (which it isn't).

Ray Frazier – Ray was with me from mid-afternoon until he turned the lights out after everyone had left. Whenever anything needed to be done, or there was a question, Ray was right there and handled whatever the task was, and was looking for the next thing needing to be done. I can say with no hesitation that I haven't had the good fortune to have worked closely with him until yesterday, and it was a pleasure. Regardless the task, he was on it with a great attitude and work ethic.

Allendale is very fortunate to have dedicated and caring people like Michelle, Ray and our CERT volunteers. They are the backbone of what makes our town great. I count myself very fortunate to have worked with them the in planning and execution of our 2<sup>nd</sup> National Night Out.”

Mayor Bernstein thanked Chief Scherb for his role in this event as well as for taking the time to write this email.

#### D. Staff Reports

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was carried to the Regular Session.

#### ***Adjournment***

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilwoman Homan, second by Councilman Sasso, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Anne Dodd, RMC  
Municipal Clerk