



Borough of Wallington
Mayor and Council Caucus/Work Session Minutes
Thursday, March 30, 2023, 6:30 PM, Civic Center

Mayor Dabal started the meeting at 6:30 PM by reading the OPMA meeting notice, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

Roll call: Members Present- Ivanicki, Preinfalk, Androwis, Balik, Dabal.

Borough Attorney Allen and Administrator Kazimir were present.

Members Absent- Rachelski, Sadecki.

Hearing of Citizens: The meeting was opened to the public for comment.

The Attorney for Westphal, made comments as to the process of selecting/rejecting the bids for a garbage contractor. Lobbied that the leading contractor bid be declared incomplete and therefore award contract to Westphal.

Attorney for Bindrop, stated that her client was the lowest bidder and contests the claim that the bid packet is incomplete. Also spoke about her letter and reasoning behind moving forward in the process. Each objection can be waived by the governing body if found to be insufficient.

The Mayor stated that the topic will be discussed in closed session since it involved bidding and contracts and the decision will be made after that discussion with the advice of Council.

Eugene Drzal was impressed with the quick response to get the 'Use turn signal' sign up at the intersection of Main and Midland. Discussed the process of removal of mattresses with the garbage.

Public session was closed with no other concerns of the public.

Communications: There were no items of communication declared or discussed.

Closed Session: The Governing Body voted to enter closed session. A discussion of the process of moving forward with the garbage contract took place.

The closed session was completed and the meeting was opened to the public.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-096 – REJECT ALL THE BIDS RECEIVED FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION AND AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR AND BOROUGH ATTORNEY TO REVERSE THE BID SPECIFICATIONS AND SEEK BIDS FOR THOSE SERVICES.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION BY: Balik **SECONDED BY:** Preinfalk.
Passed with a 4-0-0 vote.



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Ordinances:

ORDINANCE ON FINAL

ORDINANCE 2023-01: AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2023.

MOTION TO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR DISCUSSION MADE BY: Preinfalk **SECOND BY:** Balik. Passed with a 4-0-0 vote

Discussion by Dave Sireci (Wallington CFO) on the explanation of the CAP Bank process. He explained that this was the way to recharge the reserve line in the budget and that it is State mandated annually for every Municipality.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT MADE BY: Ivanicki **SECONDED BY:** Preinfalk. Passed with a 4-0-0 vote.

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2023-01 MADE BY: Ivanicki **SECONDED BY:** Preinfalk. Passed with a 3-0-1 vote. Androwis abstaining.

ORDINANCE 2023-02: Bond Ordinance to Appropriate an Additional Sum Of \$425,000 For the Construction of a New Public Library In, By and For the Borough of Wallington, In the County of Bergen, New Jersey, To Appropriate A Public Library Contribution and Authorize the Issuance of Bonds to Finance Such Additional Appropriation, And to Provide for The Issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes in Anticipation of The Issuance of Such Bonds.

MOTION TO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR DISCUSSION MADE BY: Preinfalk **SECOND BY:** Balik. Passed with a 4-0-0 vote

Discussion about the Library and the Contractor agreeing to credit given for the circulation desk (\$10,000) by the Administrator and the Governing Body. No members of the public spoke on this issue.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT MADE BY: Preinfalk. **SECONDED BY:** Balik. Passed with a 4-0-0 vote.

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2023-01 MADE BY: Preinfalk **SECONDED BY:** Balik. Passed with a 4-0-0 vote.



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Council Reports:

Mayor Dabal discussed crosswalk across Paterson Ave, waiting for agreement with County and East Rutherford. Streetscape light getting replaced. Congratulation to cheering team for winning Championship.

Water Utility Revenue is up because of new hires, better collection efforts, upgraded meters and new tracking software. 2023 revenue is \$35,000 higher than the same time last year. It may be even higher than that after all the reporting is completed. Board of Education is also adding water meters to the building. Finance department is doing an outstanding job. Tax increases expected to be nominal. Credit rating "AA Stable". Our Debt is extremely low even with all the Municipal projects currently underway. A Municipality is allowed 3.5% and Wallington is only at a 0.7%.

Council President Ivanicki asked Chief Imbruglia for a "slow down" sign. Council Member Balik is taking care of it. Reviewing traffic data - will be done in a week.

Council Member Preinfalk discussed registration for soccer with Vistula, 45 registered already.

Council Member Androwis stated no new insurance claims. Asked about safety meeting. Building repair items in report, DPW can do the work. Discussed Carlstadt Court.

Council Member Balik thanked the office staff for helping to organize the office. She also discussed chicken/ pigeon coop Borough Ordinance, the new newsletter from Board of Health and provided responses to Buildings report on behalf of DPW.

Borough Officials Report:

Borough Administrator Kazimir- FEMA project verification due 4/7/23 – Borough awarded 3.8 million with a 10% match.

Acting Borough Clerk Antonio discussed finance disclosure, filling paperwork and the benefits of the Archive Social.

Resolutions:

The following resolutions can be approved "en mass" by consent agenda. The items listed below are considered routine by the Borough of Wallington and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

MOTION MADE BY: Balik **SECOND BY:** Preinfalk

ROLL CALL: All 4 members present voted in favor to pass the following. 4-0-0

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-097: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS



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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-098: APPOINTING KEVIN GOLASZEWSKI AS A FIREFIGHTER IN THE BOROUGH OF WALLINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-099: AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO SIGN A SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR A CERTIFIED RECYCLING PROFESSIONAL (CRP) TO PREPARE THE ANNUAL RECYCLING TONNAGE REPORT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF WALLINGTON AND THE BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-100: AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE EMERGENCY CONTRACT FOR GARBAGE SERVICES.

Applications:

RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

PARK ROW HOUSE CO #3

State Application # 23-0305

Approval of Minutes: Tabled

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Old Business:

Balik - Wallington sign coming from Garfield was cleaned and needs plantings.

Mayor Dabal – She will consult with local landscaper considering groundhogs would eat whatever is planted there.

The County will provide no residential assistance for spotted lanternflies.

New Business:

Member of 201 FD asked Wendy Ivanicki is asphalt can be placed on the property of 201 at Union Blvd.

Adjournment:

Adjourned at 8:00 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Michael A. Kazimir
Borough Administrator