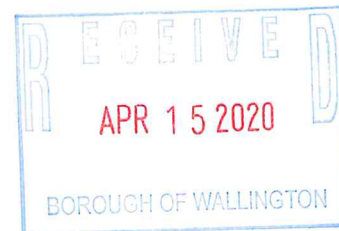


**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2020**



This is listed as a courtesy and attempt to inform the public of actions being considered by the Mayor and Council. There may be additions and deletions prior to the Council taking final action. Any action may be taken at any meeting, which includes all work and public sessions.

Mayor Melissa Dabal calls the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Flag Salute and Invocation

Mayor Melissa Dabal reads the Public Meeting Notice pursuant to the Sunshine Law

Mayor Dabal – Here
Councilman Rachelski –Here
Councilwoman Preinfalk - Here
Councilman Orzechowski – Here
Councilman Sadecki - Here
Councilwoman Ivanacki – Excused
Councilman Androwis – Here

Borough Attorney Richard Malagiere – Present
Borough Administrator Hector Olmo – Here

Motion to enter the Meeting into EXECUTIVE session by Rachelski, Seconded by Preinfalk,
Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Androwis AYE,

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Paul Elias, ESQ of Bittiger Elias & Triolo to discuss tax appeals.

Motion to exit EXECUTIVE session & resume meeting by Rachelski, Seconded by Sadecki,
Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Androwis AYE.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Motion to Open the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by Rachelski, Seconded by Orzechowski,
Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Androwis AYE.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE TO THE FLOOR

Mayor Dabal asks if anyone present wishes to be heard on any matter.

Upon recognition by the Mayor, the person shall proceed to the floor and give his/her name and address in an audible tone of voice for the records. Unless further time is granted by the Council, he/she shall limit his/her statement to five (5) minutes. Statements shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any member thereof. No person, other than the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, without recognition by the Mayor.

Jack Kornafel, 22 Miller Street: Requested insight into Shade Tree and his application that he submitted 2 years ago. A discussion ensued with Councilman Androwis and Mr. Kornafel. Councilman Androwis explained the back log of trees that need trimming and some sixty trees that need to be cut. Mr. Kornafel asked why someone who just purchased a home on his street had a tree cut, and it was identified that the homeowner by their own expense removed the tree. Mayor Dabal asked for Mr. Kornafel's contact information, and that she would reach out to the shade tree president and would follow up with Mr. Kornafel directly. Councilman Androwis identified an e-mail where the borough arborist inspected the tree in the past. Mr. Kornafel thanked the Mayor and Council.

Steve Syby, 34 Alden Street: Asked questions regarding the real-estate company that made a presentation in November and if rents are being collected on the property. Borough Attorney Richard Malagiere provided a summary of the events that occurred. Advised that he drafted an agreement and the real-estate company would not agree to the terms. Mayor Dabal has been actively pursuing all avenues to maximize value of the property. Borough Administrator, Hector Olmo, provided additional insight, and that we've received a lot of interest in the property. Mr. Olmo advised Mr. Syby that the borough received payment through the end of December and beginning of January. Mayor Dabal also advised that she is concerned that the commissions were excessive, and is concerned that its lost revenue for the borough. Lastly, Mr. Syby asked a question on missing water revenue. Borough attorney, Richard Malagiere advised that we are in litigation to recuperate the balance of the money.

Helena Plaskon, 86 Roehrs Drive: Spoke on the following topics; 1) Raised concerns into the use of borough vehicles and gas for fire chiefs. Mayor Dabal advised that the Borough Administrator and Mayor benchmarked what surrounding towns are doing, and it was generally accepted that within a 25-mile radius it was deemed acceptable. 2) Raised concerns over understanding what people saying in a meeting and what is being placed into minutes 3) Raised concerns over the excessive use of political signs and an alternative use of those resources. Mayor Dabal advised that these are private organizations that fundraise money. 4) Raised questions into the Board of Education and liaisons to Board of Education asking proper questions. Mayor Dabal advised that there is a lot of dialog that wasn't present before. 5) Raised concerns over transcribed minutes versus summarized minutes; Councilman Rachelski asked what she accomplished and that it is easy to criticize, but much harder to execute and get things done.

Ida Pacheco, 377 Mt. Pleasant Ave: Raised concerns over the maintenance of the "4H" property. Mayor Dabal advised that we should send a certified letter with a follow up phone call, and if there is no response to send the DPW and place a lien on the property.

Martin Kafafian, I represent the "4H" Property: Mayor Dabal advised that the property is a mess and a hazard; It needs to be cleaned up and maintained. Mr. Kafafian advised that he would look into it. Mr. Malagiere requested his office be contacted and advised what is being done.

Motion to Close the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by Rachelski, Seconded by Orzechowski,
Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Androwis AYE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting -January 23, 2020

Motion by Preinfalk Seconded by Rachelski,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Androwis I would like to see the report modified to include insurance, AYE.

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Wallington Board of Health

Re: Resolution 2020-10

From: Carlstadt- East Rutherford Wildcats Recreation Competition Cheering

Re: Request for donation

From: Bergen County Board of Taxation

Re: Revaluation Order Letter from the Acting Director

From: Wallington Truck Company #1

Re: Corner Collection

From: Borough of Carlstadt

Re: Resolution for the Street Cleaning Agreement

From: Bergen County Executive

Re: Bergen County Care Fair

From: Aria Choir

Re: Request for use of Civic Center

From: Church of the Transfiguration
Re: Request for donation for Tricky Tray

From: Kencor Elevator
Re: Information about elevator upgrade

From: State of New Jersey
Re: Executed Agreement for the DOT Grant 2020

From: NJ DEP
Re: Weekly Update

From: Musco Lighting
Re: Centennial Field Light warranty

Motion to refer the previous Communications to the proper Committees or Agencies
Motion by Rachelski, Seconded by Androwis,
Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Androwis AYE.

CONTINUING WITH COMMUNICATIONS

From: Wallington Board of Education
Re: Request #9 in the amount of \$1,372,265.00

Motion to pay subject to fund availability
Motion by Androwis, Seconded by Sadecki,
Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Androwis AYE.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN EUGENIUSZ RACHELSKI

There was a meeting of the planning board regarding the Doka site. I would love to see more involvement by the citizens as this will impact Wallington for many years. I expected more, and what I have seen isn't what I expected. I have a vote on the planning board and I will do what is good for Wallington! We are finishing up end of year Financial analysis. Next week we will begin working on the Tax Title Liens; This has been an issue for the last 10 years or more. The filing, payments and accounting have been disorganized. Preparation work for the budget is starting.

COUNCILWOMAN SUSANNE PREINFALK

Many people are becoming concerned about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) As of today, no cases of coronavirus in NJ. Planning a dog census for the summer. May 16: Stigma Free Class. May 1 & 2 blood screening. Board of Education has sent out letters concerning COVID-19. School is taking preventative measures to prevent the spread. There have been no recent flu cases. Interviews are taking place for SLEO officers. Provided an overview of various programs. Bowling team won the State Championship and were given certificates for the State Championship. We received the bequest for the build of the library and grant application process is moving forward. Vaping ordinance will be introduced today. It has been successfully adopted in other towns.

COUNCILMAN TOMASZ ORZECOWSKI

Participation for football has been low; Establishing a committee for Jr. Football Recruitment. Borough Administrator and Treasurer have been working to establish best practices for accounting methods for recreation board. Looking to establish a swimming program with Rutherford. Summer camp on rainy or extremely hot days will utilize the high school gym that is air conditioned. Rec is looking to enhance its soccer program with professional soccer instruction and support with Vistula. Shade tree is going through all complaints. Wallington is now Part of the NJ Shade Tree Municipal Committee.

COUNCILMAN TOMASZ SADECKI

Installation of new computers is ongoing. Police and Borough offices have been completed. New Software is on schedule with project plan. Approximate cost for existing plans for capital program is approximately \$800K. We have a Grant of \$215K. Working with Borough Engineer for 2020 Road Program.

COUNCILWOMAN WENDYSU IVANICKI

Excused – No report

COUNCILMAN KHALDOUN ANDROWIS

No Major Claims from the insurance side. We are doing a good job as a borough; Only 2-4 other towns meet our standards. Seven lights were identified and sent over to PSE&G for repair. Asked Mayor what is the status of Street scape lighting for County Park. Mayor Dabal advised that she is meeting with Mayor Slominski, and County about the Park to not only add lighting, but make necessary upgrades to fix flooding in the dog park, raised pavers, mold in pond, upgrade in security and bathrooms. Councilman Rachelski asked how many people signed up for High Deductible Plan this year as this is critical for the purpose of setting up the budget. Councilman Androwis asked borough administrator to comment. Councilman Rachelski advised that we added about 20 new overhead street lights last year. We will likely need to add an additional 20 lights this year.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Provided compliments to the Wallington Police Department as evidenced by excellent numbers. Detectives have multiple criminal arrests. Police contract is in its finalizing stages. Preliminary negotiations will be taking place with Kearny Bank. Wallington is looking into scales to set up a mobile weigh station. Working with grant writer for Police station. Investigating an Alarm Ordinance to deter habitual false alarms. Looking into having residents register their surveillance cameras for the purpose of assisting Police investigations. We will be increasing the Deputy Clerk's hours by five a week and is he doing a great job. It is a nice addition to have someone who is smart, nice and a team player. We are looking at increasing the Tax Collectors hours through a shared service with Carlstadt. Commended the food quality and service of Tatra House; They need help with parking on the weekends to not take up the spaces for the area residents and have asked to use the VFW parking lot for customer parking. We are doing very well with revenue through the court. Councilman Rachelski stated that this was a brilliant move to streamline everything. She Isn't satisfied with the Post Office's sign.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No Report

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

I will need a resolution to go out to bid for the tipping fees. We were denied entry to the Bergen County Utility Authority Garbage Co-Op by the vendor. An unfunded state mandate that we need to account for: A flex plan for travel expenses. Close to getting an agreement with the DPW on a new contract.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions can be approved "En Mass" by Consent Agenda. These items are either routine in nature (i.e. raffle license, payment of bills, etc.) or discussed and unanimously approved in the Work Session meeting.

Resolution 2020 -066

A resolution to authorize the Purchase of 2020 Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle Through NJ State Contract #A88728

Resolution 2020 -067

A resolution to retain legal counsel to serve as attorney handling matters related to COAH in the Borough of Wallington.

Resolution 2020 -068

A resolution to authorize the Wallington Fire Department Truck Company #1 to solicit funds in Borough roadways maintained by Bergen County

Resolution 2020-069

A resolution to award a contract to RIO Supply to purchase Neptune T-10 Cold Water Meters in the amount of \$100,000.

Resolution 2020-070

A resolution to authorize an Emergency Temporary Budget Appropriations for 2020.

Resolution 2020-071

A Resolution Approving the Transfer of 2019 Appropriation Reserve

Resolution 2020-072

A Resolution Authorizing a Temporary Capital Budget for the 2020 Road Program

Resolution 2020-073

A resolution authorizing application to the NJ Library Construction Bond Act for Grant Funding

Resolution 2020-074

A Resolution to approve the Liquor License Renewals for a Special Ruling for the 2019-2020 year.

Motion by Preinfalk, Seconded by Rachelski,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Androwis AYE.

ORDINANCES

2020- 004 1st Reading by Title Only: Bond Ordinance to authorize the reconstruction or resurfacing of various roads in, by and for the Borough of Wallington, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, to appropriate the sum of \$800,000 to pay the cost thereof, to make a down payment, to appropriate state and federal grants, to authorize the issuance of bonds to finance such appropriation and to provide for the issuance of bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds.

Motion by Androwis, Seconded by Sadecki,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Androwis AYE.

2020-005 1st Reading by Title Only: Amend Chapter "355 Water" of the Borough Code

Motion by Rachelski, Seconded by Androwis,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Androwis AYE.

2020-006 1st Reading by Title Only: An Ordinance relating to Vaping Products.

Motion by Preinfalk, Seconded by Orzechowski,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Androwis AYE.

LIST OF BILLS AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF BILLS

Motion to Pay List of Bills Subject to Fund Availability by Rachelski, Seconded by Androwis,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Androwis AYE.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion ensued between Borough Administrator, Borough Attorney, and Councilman Androwis, Councilman Rachelski took place for Tipping Fees; Borough Administrator advised that a national company bought out our Solid Waste Disposal Facility DART, and identified that they raised tipping fees.

Resolution to go out to bid for tipping Fees:

Motion by Rachelski, Seconded by Androwis,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Androwis AYE.

A Motion to Hire a New CFO, up to \$35,000 annually for Tony Bianchi:

Motion by Rachelski, Seconded by Androwis,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Androwis AYE.

A very brief discussion ensued on process for accounting generalist.

Borough Attorney Richard characterized the parking agreement for Tatra House. Allow to park at the VFW on a month to month basis provided that they provide proof of insurance, and naming the borough as an additional insured.

A Motion to allow the use of the VFW parking lot for Tatra House customers.

Motion by Orzechowski, Seconded by Androwis,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Androwis AYE.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:44PM by Orzechowski, Seconded by Androwis,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Androwis AYE.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Grzegorz Zagaja

Acting Deputy Clerk