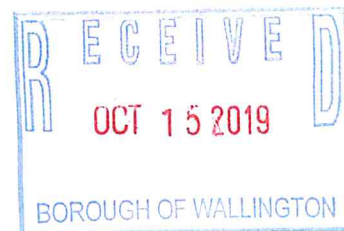


MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
August 22, 2019



Council President Melissa Dabal called the meeting to order at 7:27 P.M.

Flag salute and invocation

Council President M. Dabal read the public meeting notice pursuant to the Sunshine Law.

Roll Call:

Mayor Tomko – absent

Councilman Rachelski – present

Councilman Brunacki – present

Councilman Androwis – present

Councilwoman Dabal – present

Councilwoman Ivanacki – present

Councilman Olkowski – absent

Borough Attorney Richard Malagiere – present

Borough Administrator Hector Olmo – absent

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Motion to Open the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by Brunacki, Seconded By Rachelski,

Roll Call: Rachelski Aye, Brunacki Aye, Androwis ____, Dabal Aye, Ivanicki Aye, Olkowski ____,

Halina Plaskon, 86 Rose Drive: spoke on the following topics; 1) thanked the council for do not enter signs on Alden Street. 2) She admires the new street signs throughout town. 3) Raised concerns about receiving summonses 4) raised concerns about video surveillance from her neighbor 5) Spoke about a school grant and concerns over the board of education. 6) Raised concerns about special counsel investigating an incident 7) Asked about the police contract 8) Concerned about bullying and how it is not nice. Councilwoman President Dabal explained that the Board of Education is a separate entity and agree with the majority of Miss Plaskon's concerns with the Board of Education. Councilwoman President Dabal agreed to make an appointment with Superintendent Albro and have a meeting. Borough Attorney Richard Malagiere also explained legal separation of the Board of Education. Borough Attorney Richard Malagiere provided a high-level overview of the special council appointment and its purpose. Its purpose is to investigate competing allegations and determine how a police liaison should interact with the police department. As of the meeting date no money has been billed out by special. Miss Plaskon voiced concerns over alleged behaviors, thanked the council and

congratulated Councilwoman President Dabal on her efforts. Councilwoman Dabal stated that current outstanding labor contracts are being negotiated and talks are progressing.

Mary Ann Palmer, 53 Reservoir Ave: Inquired about the shared 911 services contract with Bergen County. Councilman Brunacki provided her the answer and described it as a standard contract.

Ron LaFianza, 266 Maple Ave: Expressed concerns over reckless & careless driving in the area of Maple and Pulaski. Detailed a hit and run accident where a boy got struck by a vehicle. Also expressed concerns over the high rates of speed in the area. Councilwoman President Dabal described an initiative that Chief Imbruglia was working on. Chief Imbruglia dispatched speed boxes into various locations in town to ascertain with actual data where the danger points are. Councilwoman Dabal described three locations where the borough is looking into speed bumps. In addition, a letter from Chief Imbruglia was briefly cited. Councilman Brunacki described a special traffic detail that was employed by the Police department on Tuesday and Thursday with a motorist count. Ron LaFianza acknowledged the data provided by Councilman Brunacki and Councilwoman President Dabal, but expressed a different traffic pattern during different parts of the day and the year. Expressed the area as a “cut through” during rush hour, and continued to express concern over the areas safety.

Motion to Close the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by Rachelski, Seconded by Dabal,
Roll Call: Rachelski Aye, Brunacki Aye, Androwis ____, Dabal Aye, Ivanicki Aye, Olkowski
____,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Wallington Building Department
Re: July 2019 Cash receipts audit report

From: South Bergen JIF
Re: Membership renewal for 2020

From: Neglia Engineering
Re: August 2019 report

From: Bergen County Parks & Recreation
Re: Bocce Tournament application

From: State of NJ DOT
Re: Grant Application for Local Freight Impact Fund

From: Andrzej Cwynar
Re: Issue at 140 Johnson Avenue

From: Wallington Municipal Court
Re: Funds collected and remitted by the Court for June

From: NJ Senator Sarlo
Re: Route 46 paving project

From: Shoprite
Re: National Hunger Action Month

From: Bergen County Board of Taxation
Re: 2019 Tax Rate

From: Advantage Computer Jayhawk Software
Re: Proposal to accept online payments and billing

From: Carmello Imbruglia, Chief of Police
Re: Council Request for information; Two Inquiries during July 25, 2019 meeting

From: Rich Pelcher, Co-Chair Walling FD Holiday Parade Committee
Re: Holiday Parade

Motion to refer the previous Communications to the proper Agencies
By Brunacki, Seconded by Rachelski,

Roll Call: Rachelski Aye, Brunacki Aye, Androwis ____, Dabal Aye, Ivanicki Aye, Olkowski
____,

CONTINUING WITH COMMUNICATIONS

From: Wallington Board of Education
Re: Request #3 in the amount of \$1,372,391.00

Motion to pay subject to fund availability by Rachelski, Seconded by Ivanicki,
Roll Call: Rachelski Aye, Brunacki Aye, Androwis ____, Dabal Aye, Ivanicki Aye, Olkowski
____,

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN EUGENIUSZ RACHELSKI

Reviewing labor contracts in the borough; Negotiations are progressing. Made a suggestion to the Borough Administrator and will be reviewed at the next meeting. Emphasized that there is a need to look at the long-term impact on budgets.

Emphasized the Borough's success of shared services and the success with street sweeping and courts.

Spoke about the annual Holiday Parade and how it brought family and residents together. Expressed that the Fire department has done an outstanding job throughout the years with the event. They have really done a remarkable job. At this time he asked for a motion to draft a letter by the Borough Attorney to Thank the Fire department and the Holiday Parade Committee for the remarkable job they have done and Part of the letter should offer assistance if there is a way of salvaging the Holiday Parade.

Motion to direct Borough Attorney to write a letter to the Fire department and Holiday Parade Committee. Ivanicki, Seconded by Dabal.

Roll Call: Rachelski Aye, Brunacki Aye, Androwis ____, Dabal Aye, Ivanicki Aye, Olkowski ____,

COUNCILMAN JOSEPH BRUNACKI

Provided summons statistics for the previous month. Spoke about the various summer programs being performed by the Recreation Board and the last concert would be performed on 8/27/2019.

Briefly spoke about the assessment and drainage issues at Crescent park; Expressed how the first part of the process is complete and now they are looking into remediating the drainage problem.

COUNCILMAN KHALDOUN ANDROWIS

No Report - Absent

COUNCILWOMAN MELISSA DABAL

Spoke about remediation of excessive speeds in three different areas in Wallington as supported by data through speed boxes dispatched by Chief Imbruglia. Looking into the cost of adding speed bumps and the priority is Pulaski as the data provided has this as the number 1 area of violations.

KC's Landscaping was successfully evicted effective November 30, 2019. Spoke how two years ago the Borough had two independent commercial evaluations of the property.

At this time Councilwoman President Dabal Made a motion for an RFQ for a realtor for 125 River Drive.

Motion for. Dabal, Seconded by Rachelski,

Roll Call: Rachelski Aye, Brunacki Aye, Androwis____, Dabal Aye, Ivanicki Aye, Olkowski____,

Provided a report on the Library. The Criteria is in and looking to apply to various grants to receive an additional \$300K - \$400K and can build the Library for zero cost to Wallington Tax payers. Emphasized how two years ago there was no talk and nothing was happening and now we are moving forward.

Four way stop sign was approved by Bergen County on Wallington Ave. Plate readers on the Bridges from Passaic will be paid for by Bergen County.

Mayor Tomko and Councilwoman President want to form a committee for a 9/11 Memorial. Described the composition of the committee.

COUNCILWOMAN WENDYSU IVANICKI

DPW has been cutting grass and actively engaged in fleet maintenance. Also replacing and fixing drainage pipes. Described the progress of installing new Water meters that began in 2013. Expressed issues with scheduling work and the need to install 1,500 more meters. Councilman Rachelski added that we have a small crew and we need to be smart with the allocation of resources. His vision was to outsource some work. This would free up 2 guys to install 2 meters per day.

Property maintenance has been working frantically. Talked about some issues at the Sunoco and Valero.

COUNCILMAN BRYAN OLKOWSKI

No Report - Absent

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report - Absent

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Spoke about outstanding litigation facing the borough that needs to go into executive session.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

No Report - Absent

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 2019 – 151

A Resolution to award shared service agreement with Bergen County for 911 services.

Resolution 2019– 152

A Resolution for a Civil Action Judgement for Jasontown II Associates to authorize the refund of \$7,380.00 for 2018 assessment.

Resolution 2019– 153

A Resolution for a Civil Action Judgement for FMG, LLC to authorize the refund of \$25,702.00 for 2013,2014,2015,2016,2017 assessment.

Resolution 2019- 154

A Resolution to redeem Tax Sale Certificate Number 17-001, for Block 10 Lot 1 C0035 in the amount of \$750.45.

Resolution 2019- 155

A Resolution to redeem Tax Sale Certificate Number 15-008, for Block 49 Lot 6 in the amount of \$27,524.13.

Resolution 2019- 156

A Resolution to redeem Tax Sale Certificate Number 18-01, for Block 10 Lot 1 C0032 in the amount of \$2,408.09.

Resolution 2019- 157

A Resolution to redeem Tax Sale Certificate Number 18-005, for Block 35 Lot 13 in the amount of \$1,419.45.

Resolution 2019- 158

A Resolution to redeem Tax Sale Certificate Number 15-003, for Block 13 Lot 34 in the amount of \$6,557.11.

Resolution 2019- 159

A Resolution to redeem Tax Sale Certificate Number 10-003, for Block 13 Lot 34 in the amount of \$7,135.42.

Resolution 2019- 160

A Resolution authorizing the Borough of Wallington to enter into a settlement of the Landlord Tenant Matter with KC's Landscaping pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Consent to Enter Judgment for Possession (Tenant Vacates) entered with the Court on August 15, 2019.

Motion by Brunacki, Seconded by Ivanicki,

Roll Call: Rachelski Aye, Brunacki Aye, Androwis ____, Dabal Aye, Ivanicki Aye, Olkowski ____,

Councilwoman President Dabal thanked the Borough Attorney for doing a great job.

ORDINANCES

2019- 008 1st Reading by Title Only: An Ordinance to amend Chapter 307, Section 28 of the Wallington Borough Code regarding "Handicap Parking Areas."

Motion by Brunacki, Seconded by Dabal,

Roll Call: Rachelski Aye, Brunacki Aye, Androwis ____, Dabal Aye, Ivanicki Aye, Olkowski ____,

Councilwoman President Dabal thanked the Borough Attorney for doing a great job.

2019- 009 2nd Reading by Title Only: An Ordinance to update The Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance of the Borough of Wallington

Motion by Brunacki, Seconded by Rachelski,

Roll Call: Rachelski Aye, Brunacki Aye, Androwis ____, Dabal Aye, Ivanicki Aye, Olkowski ____,

Motion to Open the Meeting to the Hearing of the Citizens relative to Ordinance No. 2019 – 009 by Brunacki, Seconded by Ivanicki,

Roll Call: Rachelski Aye, Brunacki Aye, Androwis ____, Dabal Aye, Ivanicki Aye, Olkowski ____,

Motion to Close the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by Rachelski, Seconded by Brunacki,

Roll Call: Rachelski Aye, Brunacki Aye, Androwis ____, Dabal Aye, Ivanicki Aye, Olkowski ____,

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2019-009 by Brunacki, Seconded by Rachelski,

Roll Call: Rachelski Aye, Brunacki Aye, Androwis ____, Dabal Aye, Ivanicki Aye, Olkowski ____,

LIST OF BILLS AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF BILLS

Motion to Pay List of Bills by Brunacki, Seconded by Rachelski,

Roll Call: Rachelski Aye, Brunacki Aye, Androwis ____, Dabal Aye, Ivanicki Abstain from
400974 & No to the rest, Olkowski _____,

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Session

Motion for Executive Closed Session:

Motion by Rachelski, Seconded by Dabal,

Roll Call: Rachelski Aye, Brunacki Aye, Androwis ____, Dabal Aye, Ivanicki Aye, Olkowski
_____,

Motion to Re-open public meeting:

Motion by Brunacki, Seconded by Rachelski,

Roll Call: Rachelski Aye, Brunacki Aye, Androwis ____, Dabal Aye, Ivanicki Aye, Olkowski
_____,

Motion to appoint Genevieve Kacmarcik as Zoning Board Secretary to replace D. Siek and her
unexpired term with a meeting stipend of \$310.00/meeting

Motion by Rachelski, Seconded by Brunacki,

Roll Call: Rachelski Aye, Brunacki Aye, Androwis ____, Dabal Aye, Ivanicki Aye, Olkowski
_____,

Motion to approve settlement terms with pending COAH litigation

Motion by Brunacki, Seconded by Rachelski,

Roll Call: Rachelski Aye, Brunacki Aye, Androwis ____, Dabal No Ivanicki Aye, Olkowski _____,

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:33PM by Brunacki, Seconded by Dabal,

Roll Call: Rachelski Aye, Brunacki Aye, Androwis ____, Dabal Aye, Ivanicki Aye, Olkowski
_____,