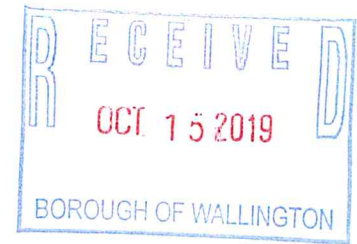


Minutes
REGULAR MEETING
July 25, 2019



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Council President Melissa Dabal calls the meeting to order at 7:30p.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 – absent
Councilman Olkowski – present

Borough Attorney Richard Malagiere – present
Borough Administrator Hector Olmo – present

Motion to suspend the normal order of business for two presentations by Olkowski, Seconded by Rachelski

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Brunacki AYE, Androwis AYE, Dabal AYE, Ivanicki ABSENT,
Olkowski AYE,

PRESENTATION

Presentation by the NJ State Police Chief's Association to the Borough of Wallington in recognition of them acquiring Accreditation.

Harry Delgado Presented a Certification to Chief Imbruglia. Expressed gratitude and difficulty of achieving accreditation. Noted that less than 30% of municipalities computed rigorous process consisting of 112 standards. Wallington Police Department exceeded standards. Chief Imbruglia addressed Mayor and Council and all present at the meeting with heartfelt gratitude and thanks. Elaborated on importance of bipartisanship and success of accreditation. Thanked LT. Kluska for all his hard work and dedication in spearheading all the efforts with the accreditation process. Councilwoman Dabal

emphasized the positive direction of Wallington and how this is one of many examples in how things are getting better.

The Military Order of The Purple Heart will make a presentation to honor Purple Heart Hero's with the track starting in Wallington.

Neil Van Ess & Tom Rachelski addressed the Council. Neil Van Ess gave a history of the Purple Heart medal and provided statistics from all the major Wars the U.S.A. was involved with. Thanked Councilman Rachelski for his efforts. Furthermore he expressed that this is a unique community and impressed with the WWI monument and the support veterans receive. Spoke about the benefits of becoming a member of the Military order of the Purple heart, expectations from the community, and a high-level process for accreditation. Lastly, expressed that Lodi is the first town in Bergen County to be a member and they are looking to create a Purple Heart trail from Wallington to Hackensack.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Motion to reopen the normal order of business and Open the hearing of Citizens by Androwis, Seconded by Olkowski

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Brunacki AYE, Androwis AYE, Dabal AYE, Ivanicki ABSENT, Olkowski AYE,

Halina Plaskon: Had questions regarding the quarterly tax bill. Borough Administrator, Hector Olmo explained the process. Councilman Rachelski described the impact on a 311K home.

Walter Wargaki, 27 Veterans Court: Thanked the Purple Heart representatives. Thanked all members involved with organizing the Jimmy Sturr concert. Finally, he asked why was the Deputy Clerk and Treasurer jobs not posted. Councilwoman Dabal explained issues with emergency hires and explained the process of hiring candidates.

Cathy Ericson, 5500 Nelkin Drive: Concerned over increasing rents and the lack of control. Described how a Loan was paid off by the landlord and now there is no control. Councilwoman Dabal instructed her to start with the Rent Leveling board. Borough attorney spoke about legal issues surrounding rent increases.

Paul LaFianza, 256 Maple Ave: Complained about high rates of speed by vehicles through Maple Ave and Pulaski, and unkempt commercial properties with overgrown weeds. In addition he spoke about multiple trees that are a hazard that are "too low," and are growing to be a hazard. Furthermore, he spoke about how the catch basins in the area need to be cleaned more frequently. Resident LaFianza then re-emphasized 260 Maple Ave is a "sloppy mess." Councilwoman President spoke about the various strategies Chief Imbruglia is putting in place. Councilman Rachelski then outlined the difference in production with Code Enforcement. "We

have over 100 citations issued versus 1-2 before hiring these two new officers” Councilman Androwis then spoke about various shade tree mitigation strategies, and the Borough is in talks with Carlstadt. Councilwoman President Dabal then spoke about DPW mitigation strategies and how they just completed a Borough wide storm drain cleaning. Lastly Resident LaFianza, spoke about his property taxes and how they seem to be rising unnecessarily. Councilman Rachelski spoke about the averaged valued home in Wallington and how the increases are relative to the properties assessed value. Reiterated a “significant increase in the Board of Education 3 years ago.”

Mike Churlo, 64 Jordan Ave: Asked about when the street is getting paved and made known that the commercial property adjacent to him has dumping, piles of debris that includes bricks and rebar. Councilman Rachelski reiterated the shift in enforcement from 1-2 to over 100 citations. He also acknowledged that Jordan Ave. is on a list of projects that is on for tonight.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting June 20,2019
Caucus Work/Session July 9, 2019

Motion by Androwis, Seconded by Rachelski,
Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Brunacki AYE, Androwis AYE, Dabal AYE, Ivanicki ABSENT,
Olkowski AYE,

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Wallington Board of Health
Re: Resolution 2019- 07

From: Environment New Jersey
Re: Resolution in support of Electric vehicles

From: Negila Engineering
Re: Fire house roof replacements - Payment voucher # 2

From: Wallington PBA 321
Re: 1st Annual Police Officers' Ball

From: Hillside S.A.C. Inc
Re: Letter in reference to Liquor License renewal

From: Park Row Hose Company #3
Re: Raffle License request 12/8/2019

From: Wallington Junior Football
Re: Raffle License request 9/7,9/14, 9/28 and 10/19/2019

From: Wallington Youth Soccer League
Re: Raffle License request 11/16/2019

From: County of Bergen Dept. of Planning & Engineering
Re: Intersection Improvements Main Ave./Midland Ave and Main Ave./ Paterson Ave.

From: JIF
Re: Trip and fall Notice of claim for damages

Motion by Brunacki, Seconded by Androwis,
Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Brunacki AYE, Androwis AYE, Dabal AYE, Ivanicki ABSENT,
Olkowski AYE,

CONTINUING WITH COMMUNICATIONS

From: Wallington Board of Education
Re: Request # 2 in the amount of \$1,372,391.00

Motion by Androwis, Seconded by Rachelski,
Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Brunacki AYE, Androwis AYE, Dabal AYE, Ivanicki ABSENT,
Olkowski AYE,

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN EUGENIUSZ RACHELSKI

Spoke about what a great job Hector Olmo is doing and how he is fostering a professional environment. Thanked the Police department and congratulated them on their accreditation

COUNCILMAN JOSEPH BRUNACKI

Thanked the Police Department for their productivity and accreditation. Provided summons statistics for the previous month. Spoke about the various summer programs

being performed by the Recreation Board. Stated that the Jimmy Sturr concert was well attended with approximately 175 residents. HE then spoke about the successes of the Girls Softball Team. They did a great job! At this time Councilman Rachelski interrupted and inquired about a travel expense mitigation. Councilwoman President Acknowledged and Councilman Brunacki also acknowledged and asked for a motion.

Motion to Defray travel expenses, in the amount of \$2,500.00, by the Softball team that won the State Championship.

Motion by Rachelski, Seconded by Dabal,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Brunacki ABSTAIN, Androwis AYE, Dabal AYE, Ivanicki ABSENT, Olkowski AYE,

COUNCILMAN KHALDOUN ANDROWIS

Attended meeting in Woodridge about insurance and there was nothing major to communicate. Spoke about the lack of mulch in the park. Borough Administrator, Hector Olmo, then addressed Councilman Androwis about driver's Licenses and the process involved for checking them; The employee must consent to their license being reviewed. Councilman Androwis then spoke about various Shade Tree issues. Reiterated that new trees will be planted and that shade tree is here to preserve trees. "We only cut trees that are diseased, dead or hazardous." Councilman Androwis then spoke about various capital projects. Spoke about the Police building and looking into options and congratulated girls softball team.

COUNCILWOMAN MELISSA DABAL

Congratulated the girls' softball team and the Police Department. Explained the difference between swift 911 and Nixle and how highly customizable swift 911 is and provided a high-level overview of the various options available. Explained the process of new hires for the borough. Working with the board of education for a third SLEO officer, and how there will be a resource officer dedicated to ensuring the legitimacy of all students attending Wallington schools. Spoke about a fundraiser for the library.

COUNCILWOMAN WENDYSU IVANICKI

No Report - Absent

COUNCILMAN BRYAN OLKOWSKI

Spoke about the revenue generated by the court with a high level summary. Provided an overview of the energy light audit conducted. Noted that there will likely be zero out of money cost to the borough with ongoing electrical savings. Expressed concern over CO2 emissions and the possibility of integrating solar for electrical savings and CO2 offset.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report - Absent

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No Report

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Provided a warning that IT equipment being utilized in the borough needs to be updated and Microsoft will no longer be providing support to windows 97 and subsequent products. The server is almost at capacity. We are working with our IT professionals. The IT professionals noted a significant gap in cyber security. Borough Attorney Richard Malagiere provided legal issues. Instructed council that county is moving forward for Traffic Lights at Midland Ave and South Main. Provided a summary scope of work that is to be done at Truck Company 201 and the lowest bid of \$6,200.00 by Koney construction. A light discussion ensued on possible conflict of interest that would be analyzed during executive session. Furthermore, noted John Garcia construction retainage from 2012 needs to be paid out. Councilman Rachelski noted that a better system needs to be implemented to track retainers; "We received a bunch of invoices from 2010, someone did not do their job." Borough Administrator then advised the council that CFO Judy Tutela and Karen Zupanovich are working to implement controls. He explained issues and the processes that are being implemented. Borough Attorney provided further insight into the adjustments necessary to change the preexisting mechanisms.

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 – 144

A Resolution to waive the interest on taxes for Spencer Savings Bank due to miss calculation of interest.

Resolution 2019– 145

A Resolution Authorizing Appointment of Municipal Representatives to the Bergen County Community Development Regional Committee

Resolution 2019– 146

Resolution to authorize the Chief Financial Officer to perform a Self-Examination of the Budget

Resolution 2019- 147

A Resolution to redeem Tax Sale Certificate Number 18-001

Motion by Androwis, Seconded by Rachelski,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Brunacki AYE, Androwis AYE, Dabal AYE, Ivanicki ABSENT, Olkowski AYE,

ORDINANCES

2019- 005 2nd Reading: An Ordinance to Authorize the Mayor and Council to vacate sections of the public portion of Cedar Street and Lucia Place to 49 & 54 Jordan Avenue

Motion to Open the Meeting to the Hearing of the Citizens relative to Ordinance No. 2019 – 005 by Olkowski, Seconded by Androwis,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Brunacki AYE, Androwis AYE, Dabal AYE, Ivanicki ABSENT, Olkowski AYE,

Motion to Close the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by Olkowski, Seconded by Androwis,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Brunacki AYE, Androwis AYE, Dabal AYE, Ivanicki ABSENT, Olkowski AYE,

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2019-005 by Brunacki, Seconded by Androwis,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Brunacki AYE, Androwis AYE, Dabal AYE, Ivanicki ABSENT, Olkowski AYE,

2019- 006 2nd Reading: An Ordinance to Authorize the Mayor and Council to vacate sections of the public portion of Cedar Street and Lucia Place to 2 & 4 Reservoir Court

Motion to Open the Meeting to the Hearing of the Citizens relative to Ordinance No. 2019 – 006 by Olkowski, Seconded by Androwis,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Brunacki AYE, Androwis AYE, Dabal AYE, Ivanicki ABSENT, Olkowski AYE,

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

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Brunacki AYE, Androwis AYE, Dabal AYE, Ivanicki ABSENT, Olkowski AYE,

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2019-006 by Olkowski, Seconded by Androwis,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Brunacki AYE, Androwis AYE, Dabal AYE, Ivanicki ABSENT, Olkowski AYE,

2019- 007 2nd Reading: 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 to Open the Meeting to the Hearing of the Citizens relative to Ordinance No. 2019 – 007 by Rachelski, Seconded by Androwis,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Brunacki AYE, Androwis AYE, Dabal AYE, Ivanicki ABSENT, Olkowski AYE,

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

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Brunacki AYE, Androwis AYE, Dabal AYE, Ivanicki ABSENT, Olkowski AYE,

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2019-007 by Androwis, Seconded by Rachelski,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Brunacki AYE, Androwis AYE, Dabal AYE, Ivanicki ABSENT, Olkowski AYE,

2019- 008 1st Reading by Title Only: An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 307-028 this Ordinance will grant the Board of Health additional powers set forth in the Ordinance.

A discussion took place at this time. Councilman Rachelski and Councilwoman Dabal wanted clarification into the changes taking place. Borough attorney provided high level insight. Board of Health member Kathy Polten provided insight and directional purpose. It was agreed to table this to the next meeting and allow the Borough Attorney to research this and report back to the Mayor and Council.

Motion by Androwis, Seconded by Olkowski,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Brunacki AYE, Androwis AYE, Dabal AYE, Ivanicki ABSENT, Olkowski AYE,

2019- 009 1st Reading by Title Only: An Ordinance to update The Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance of the Borough of Wallington

Motion by Brunacki, Seconded by Androwis,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Brunacki AYE, Androwis AYE, Dabal AYE, Ivanicki ABSENT, Olkowski AYE,

LIST OF BILLS AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF BILLS

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

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Brunacki AYE, Androwis AYE, Dabal AYE, Ivanicki ABSENT,
Olkowski AYE,

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Olkowski waiting to hear back from water bank project.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Session

Motion for Executive Closed Session:

Motion by Brunacki, Seconded by Androwis,

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

Motion to Re-open public meeting:

Motion by Olkowski, Seconded by Rachelski,

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:38PM by Brunacki, Seconded by Dabal,

Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Brunacki AYE, Androwis AYE, Dabal AYE, Ivanicki ABSENT,
Olkowski AYE,