

CAUCUS MEETING BEFORE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00PM

Caucus meeting started at 7:10p.m.

Roll Call: Brunacki, Rachelski, Androwis, Dabal, Ivanicki, Olkowski – Present

Borough Attorney Richard Cedzidlo – Present

Borough Administrator Victor M. Polce – Present

Motion by Olkowski for Agnes to take over the minutes for the meeting for the Rice Notice Hearing Mr. Baginski is Conflicted out, Seconded by Brunacki

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

See minutes from Deputy Clerk Brynczka for the Minutes.

REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 20, 2018

Mayor Mark W. Tomko calls the meeting to order at 7:55p.m.

Flag Salute and Invocation

Mayor Mark W. Tomko reads the Public Meeting Notice pursuant to the Sunshine Law

Roll Call: Brunacki, Rachelski, Androwis, Dabal, Ivanicki, Olkowski - Present

Mayor Mark W. Tomko – Present

Borough Attorney Richard Cedzidlo – Present

Borough Administrator Victor M. Polce – Present

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Motion to Open the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by Dabal, Seconded By Androwis,

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

Mr. Sebastian Stopka and Margaret Stopka of Main Avenue, Tatra Hous asked about using the VFW for Parking Space. Mrs. Stopka asked for a formal agreement.

Mr. Cedzidlo explained the receptiveness and liability of using the parking lot for parking.

Mr. Stopka explained the parking situation.

Councilman Rachelski suggested checking with our insurance carrier.

Mrs. Celina Urbankowski of Pine Street personally thanked Mayor and Council, and Chief Imbruglia for the event of 100 years of Poland. Mrs. Urbankowski wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Mrs. Nancy Chirlo of Crescent Road spoke about her issue about the astronomical water meter reading. Why do we not pay the water company directly? The Mayor explained the Wallington Water Department. Mrs. Chirlo asked – why can't we buy from the company?

Councilman Rachelski – there are operating expenses, infrastructure costs, costs of operating the utility.

Mrs. Chirlo asked – what is the up charge.

Councilman Rachelski stated – it is a fixed price.

Mrs. Chirlo stated – if we paid the water company directly the company computer would generate a report.

Mrs. Chirlo stated – talk about the nursery, they owe us money. Who paid that \$340,000.00? It's about \$55.00 per house hold. Just the whole water system needs help.

Councilwoman Dabal stated – it is a problem, we will look into this. Mr. Dynes is working on this issue.

Ms. Janet Gurdak of Halsted Avenue stated – last time I was here, I spoke about the water bill and have not heard anything.

Councilwoman Dabal stated – I spoke to Mr. Dynes and they were at your house. I will follow-up.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 11 – Caucus /Work Session

September 26 – Bid Opening Park Improvements

September 27 – Regular Meeting

Motion by Brunacki, Seconded by Dabal,

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

COMMUNICATIONS

From: NJLM Weekly Round-up

Re: Submission of updates

From: Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission

Re: Notice of a Public Hearing

From: Rea & Associates, LLC Attorneys at Law

Re: Submission of an invoice for the Fire House Roof Replacement

From: The Spire Group

Re: Notification of a merge with HBK CPAs & Consultants, LLC

From: South Bergen Municipalities Joint Insurance Fund
Re: Submission of the 2019 Budget

From: The Wallington Planning Board
Re: Submission of the Agenda

From: The Bureau of Homeowner Protection
Re: Submission of Senior Citizen and Disabled Protected Tenant Income Figures

From: Bittiger Elias & Triolo
Re: Submission of updates on Tax Appeals

From: P.S.E.&G.
Re: Submission of a Public Hearing Schedule

From: From the Bergen County Executive
Re: An Invitation to the swearing on January 1st, 2019

From: The Wallington Fire Prevention Bureau
Re: Submission of Fire Code Violations for 54 Union Blvd.

From: Neglia Engineering
Re: Submission of a proposal for Management Service Watermain Improvement

From: Aneta Wygonik Clerk Typist
Re: Submission of a resignation

From: Loccke, Correia & Bukosky
Re: Submission of an Inappropriate Interference with Police Operations Claim

From: NJLM
Re: Submission of a Legislative Bulletin

From: The Wallington Junior Fire Department
Re: Notification of acceptance into membership of Matthew Frangipone of 40 Koster Street

From: Neglia Engineering
Re: Submission of Payment Voucher #1 for the Fire House Roof Replacements

From: Neglia Engineering
Re: Four Way "Stop" at the Union Boulevard and Wallington Avenue

From: Joseph Ivanicki, Jr.
Re: Submission of Resignation from Shade Tree Committee effective January 1, 2019

Motion to Wave the 48 hour rule on the Resignation of Ruth Olkowski by Rachelski, Seconded by Brunacki

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

Motion to refer the previous Communications to the proper Agencies by Dabal, Seconded by Androwis,

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

CONTINUING WITH COMMUNICATIONS

From: Wallington Board of Education

Re: Request # 7 in the amount of \$1,373,411.00

Motion to pay subject to fund availability by Olkowski, Seconded by Androwis,

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN JOSEPH BRUNACKI

Councilman Brunacki reported the Mt. Pleasant Park started. March 31st is the expected completion date. Councilman Brunacki reported that he is working with Neglia.

Councilman Brunacki wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

COUNCILMAN EUGENIUSZ RACHELSKI

Councilman Rachelski spoke about Insurance. Councilman Rachelski stated a campaign to sign up with the high deductible programs.

Councilman Rachelski stated the Borough is entering a challenging year – financially. The costs are over one million. The next expense is the library. We are looking for grants.

We are waiting for a Water project. We received \$500,000.00 from back taxes. We just found out we owe \$460,000.00 in unemployment back taxes to the State. It is not a comfortable situation.

Councilman Rachelski stated we are being pressed to do a reevaluation at a cost of \$300,000.00. It is due, no balance in the Borough.

These are the challenges. Every penny counts. The CFO is great.

COUNCILMAN KHALDOUN ANDROWIS

Councilman Androwis spoke about Capital Projects. Pre construction meeting to televise, the sewer lines for Willow Avenue, Spring Street and Spring Court we need to look at maximizing the work. Councilman Androwis stated that he is looking to see if we can move Currie Avenue money to Morrissee Avenue and Jordan Avenue. We are working the Engineer. We are doing Jordan Avenue and Morrissee Avenue with grants.

Under Shade Tree Commission

Councilman Androwis reported that the committee met several times. We looked at the Ordinance. Councilman Androwis met with Ray Dynes and Aspen Tree. Mr. Androwis will also be meeting with the Engineer.

Councilman Androwis reported that the Police Department handled the following last month:

174 – Moving Violations

180 – Parking Violations

9 – Arrests

5 – DWI

COUNCILWOMAN MELISSA DABAL

Councilwoman Dabal stated that on January 8th, 2017 we received a letter from the County and brought up the corner of Wallington Avenue/Union Blvd. intersection. There have been multiple accidents. Approved a 4 way stop by the County, we need to see.

Motion by Dabal to have the Borough Administrator send letters about 4 Way to the County,
Seconded by Rachelski

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

Councilwoman Dabal spoke about the Senior Center Contract. Last time it was renewed was in 1992. Jennie Colletti and Ms. Patel worked with us, up to 65% P.S.E. &G. and \$1,000.00 per month with be paid by them.

Councilwoman Dabal reported that the Chief is working on back-ground checks.

Councilwoman Dabal reported that the library Architect is crafting for a bond.

Councilman Rachelski stated – working with the County is just as important.

COUNCILWOMAN WENDYSU IVANICKI

Under DPW

Councilwoman Ivanicki reported that the EMS handled the following last month:

- 199 calls
- Removed playground
- Maintained Vehicles
- Installed Fire House markers
- Prepared for snow
- Prepared for Holiday Parade

Councilwoman Ivanicki reported that the Fire House roofs are a mess. I motioned to hold the payment check. They will be approved and paid.

COUNCILMAN BRYAN OLKOWSKI

Under Board of Education

Councilman Olkowski stated that we are entering the winter break. The Public Schools are also asking for a location to build a school.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor apologized for his absence. He had Pneumonia and had to stay home. The Mayor thanked everyone for well wishes.

The Mayor commended the Fire Department for the House Fire on Halstead Avenue.

The Mayor wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

The Holiday Parade went off, weather hampered the event.

The Mayor asked for a list of Member that would like to serve on the committees.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The Borough Attorney mentioned Mr. Baginski had sent a letter to the Insurance Company. It is up to the Mayor and Council.

Motion by Olkowski authorizing the Mayor to negotiate with Police Matter, Seconded by Brunacki

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

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.

**BOROUGH OF WALLINGTON
COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - 281**

Resolution to appropriate preliminary expenses

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wallington hereby acknowledges the requirement of preliminary costs to determine the scope and cost of a proposed undertaking. The purpose of these preliminary costs is for the engineering to establish the cost of the Wallington Avenue Water Main Project pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.3 (c).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the amount appropriated for preliminary costs shall not exceed \$54,000 and the Chief Financial Officer is directed to set up a "Reserve for Preliminary Expenses" out of the Water Capital Improvement Fund of the Water Capital Fund.

Motion by Olkowski, Seconded by Androwis,
Roll Call: Brunacki, Androwis, Olkowski – Aye
Rachelski, Dabal, Ivanicki - No
Mayor Tomko – Aye

**BOROUGH OF WALLINGTON
COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - 282**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wallington has received a recommendation from Mr. Raymond Dynes, Certified Public Works Manager as to certain vehicles and equipment that should be disposed of by way of auction; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wallington accepts such recommendation and finds that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Borough of Wallington to attempt to dispose of these items by auction;

NOW, THEREFORE , BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wallington as follows:

1) Mr. Raymond Dynes is hereby authorized to contact an auction company to dispose of the vehicle and equipment set forth in the list prepared by Mr. Dynes which is attached hereto and which is made part of hereof.

Motion by Olkowski, Seconded by Androwis,
Roll Call: Brunacki, Androwis, Olkowski – Aye
Rachelski, Dabal, Ivanicki - No
Mayor Tomko - Aye

Councilman Rachelski commented on 2018 – 281 about \$54,000.00. We will not have the cash.

We have \$6,000,000.00 in notes that we need to keep in mind. Balance budget for the next year and set aside \$100,000.00 next year. We need to vote against it.

Councilman Olkowski explained the need for the funding. We are looking at this from a water loan. We have a 6 to 8 month window with the County.

Councilman Rachelski stated – the way the system works, we need to set an Ordinance. \$100,000.00 needs to be set aside. I worked several nights looking for funding.

Councilwoman Dabal stated – we are in agreement. It is a great project. The County is paying for the paving. We need to speak about getting a commitment from the County. Hold off for six to eight months.

Councilman Rachelski stated – it is a good project but we need to do it smart.

Councilman Olkowski stated – we have an opportunity.

Councilman Androwis stated – just to add interest rate is 1% at the water bank. Interest rate will save money.

Councilman Rachelski stated – we have \$5,000,000.00 to bond. We need to look at the big picture. Can we start charging for the sewer?

Councilman Androwis stated – the \$4,500,000.00 was incorporated with the \$9,000,000.00. There is no price tag for the safety of the residents. Water is important.

Councilman Rachelski stated – we want to do it right. Look at the big picture.

The Mayor stated – we were to write a letter to Bergen County asking if Capital has been set aside.

Motion by Olkowski to ask for the appropriation from the County , Seconded Wendy

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

LIST OF BILLS AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF BILLS

CURRENT ACCOUNT

22633	THOMAS BRYNCZKA	\$69.79
22634	NJMVC	\$60.00
22638	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$307.94
22639	DE LAGE LANDEN	\$278.25
22640	GTBM/INFO-COP	\$800.00
22641	P.S.E.&G.	\$109.53
22642	ADVANCED ENTERPRISES	\$26,913.86
22643	ADVANCED ENTERPRISES	\$34,863.44

22644	ANDREA SOLLITTO	\$90.00
22645	US TEL, INC.	\$405.00
22646	MCI	\$90.06
22647	BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT	\$1,440.00
22648	NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE	\$150.00
22649	PL CUSTOM EMERGENCY VEHICLES ASPEN A TREE MANAGEMENT CO	\$158.94
22650	INC	\$700.00
22651	ALERT - ALL CORP	\$333.50
22652	EXCLUSIVE ACCOUNTING SERVICE	\$62.36
22653	ACTION DATA SERVICES INC.	\$300.80
22654	ACTION DATA SERVICES INC.	\$35.98
22655	EXCLUSIVE ACCOUNTING SERVICE	\$8.62
22656	KATHY CASTALDO	\$30.00
22657	RUTH OLKOWSKI	\$30.00
22658	JOYCE POPEK	\$30.00
22659	DONNA TOMKO	\$30.00
22660	ROBYN FEDERICO	\$30.00
22661	SHERRY ELRAYES	\$30.00
22662	KATHERINE POLTEN	\$30.00
22663	THEODORE STANKIEWICZ	\$327.00
22664	JOSEPH BOHNARCZYK	\$327.00
22665	RITA V LASIW	\$327.00
22666	EDWARD SKORUPA	\$327.00
22667	JENNIE KAVA	\$327.00
22668	ARLINE GALEVICH	\$327.00
22669	ANNA TENCZA	\$327.00
22670	IRENE BARNAS	\$327.00
22671	LORRAINE KLAMERUS	\$327.00
22672	VIVIAN DESBIENS	\$327.00
22673	WILLIAM MASTERBERTE	\$327.00
22674	THOMAS CILIENTO	\$654.00
22675	FRED SURDYKA JR	\$804.00
22676	VERIZON	\$2,307.58
22677	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$738.91
22678	MR. K'S GARAGE	\$497.85
TOTAL BILL LIST		\$75,987.41

WATER ACCOUN

63176	AGL WELDING SUPPLY CO., INC.	\$39.12
63177	PAWEL RAPACZ	\$206.16
63178	U.S. POST OFFICE	\$6.70
63179	RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY	\$964.00
63180	RIO SUPPLY, INC	\$2,100.00
63181	US VOIP	\$930.58
63182	SUPERIOR DISTRIBUTORS	\$58.88

63183	VERIZON	\$450.33
63184	P.S.E.&G.	\$2,605.47
63185	PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMM.	\$1,425.00
63186	PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMM.	\$73,937.71
63187	JESCO INC.	\$196.19
63188	WALLINGTON PLUMBING & HEATING	\$1,504.88
63189	P.S.E.&G.	\$2,984.50
63190	US VOIP	\$930.58
TOTAL BILL LIST		\$88,340.10

GENERAL CAPITAL

400923	CIFELLI & SON GENERAL CONST IN	\$80,806.05
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TRUST - BASKETBALL

1246	3D BASKETBALL	\$1,500.00
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TRUST - PLANNING

2796	MARTIN S. CEDZIDLO	\$3,500.00
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TRUST - RECREATION

12071247	ANDREA SOLITTO	\$120.00
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Motion to Pay List of Bills by Brunacki, Seconded by Rachelski,
Roll Call: Brunacki, Rachelski, Androwis, Dabal, Ivanicki, Olkowski – Aye

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Rachelski prepared a draft for finances and handed out an Investment Plan.
Councilman Rachelski continued on savings and costs.
Councilman Androwis stated that Councilman Rachelski is unprofessional.

NEW BUSINESS

The Borough Administrator asked about re-organization date.
Board of Education – January 2nd
Re-organization – January 3rd at 7:00p.m.
Mayor - everyone in agreement.

Motion by Brunacki stated he is looking RFQs re-advertise, Seconded by Olkowski
Roll Call: Brunacki, Rachelski, Androwis, Dabal, Ivanicki, Olkowski – Aye

Councilman Androwis stated – money is tight, we have staff that is overworked, salaries are like in Burger King and McDonald's. This is too low.

Motion by Androwis to do a salary adjustment depending on funds minimum of \$1,500.00 increase up to \$7,500.00, Seconded by Brunacki

Councilman Rachelski stated – review with our CFO and sequence of operations. We know how to spend money but not save it.

Councilwoman Ivanicki stated – I see how had they work on the daily basis, but we need money.

Councilwoman Dabal stated – sins of the fathers. I motioned in the beginning of the year to realign the skills. We need to go to Civil Service.

The Mayor stated – I cannot run a corporation like a mom and pop shop.

Councilman Androwis stated – they have been waiting for a long time.

Councilwoman Ivanicki stated – I asked about stipend.

Councilwoman Dabal stated – we should follow the process.

Councilman Rachelski stated – look at the budget.

The Mayor stated – I have been waiting for a handicap for the two Churches. Everyone has to get together.

Councilwoman Dabal asked – is it based on percentage currently working on the WEA.

Councilman Rachelski stated – we need a professional Accountant in the office.

Councilwoman Dabal stated – Merit based raises.

Motion by Androwis to have all Borough Employees evaluation for Salary Adjustment after the new year by April 1st, Seconded by Brunacki

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

Motion by Olkowski to Authorize the Borough Attorney for an RFQ for Special Counsel for Special Investigation pursuant to the Baginski Complaint on Email in December 14, 2018, Seconded by Androwis

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

Motion by Olkowski to Accept Agreement for Neglia for Survey for Wallington Avenue Water Main, Seconded by Androwis

Councilman Rachelski stated – check your money a shortfall in cash shortage.

The Mayor and Councilman Rachelski discussed the \$486,000.00 to be paid to the State

Roll Call: Brunacki, Androwis, Olkowski – Aye
Rachelski, Dabal, Ivanicki – No
Mayor – Aye

Councilman Rachelski stated that it was recommended by the CFO to hire an Accountant to oversee the operations. The CFO will be here one more year.

Motion by Rachelski to send out an RFQ for an Accountant, Seconded by Androwis
Roll Call: Brunacki, Rachelski, Androwis, Dabal, Ivanicki, Olkowski – Aye

Judith Tutela had a wing man at one time.

Councilman Brunacki stated – no bank RFQ is included.
Mr. Cedzidlo asked how to invalidate the other bids.
I need a legal reason for throwing it out. Be careful, this could be lawsuits. Discussion on the RFQs

Motion by Brunacki, to Amend the RFQ's Seconded by Rachelski
Roll Call: Brunacki, Rachelski, Androwis, Dabal, Ivanicki – Aye
Olkowski – No

Councilman Olkowski asked the Borough Administrator not to yell at a Councilmember, it is not professional.

Councilman Rachelski stated – I would like to make a note that every Councilman knows his rights.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:30p.m. by Rachelski, Seconded by Ivanicki,
Roll Call: Brunacki, Rachelski, Androwis, Dabal, Ivanicki, Olkowski – Aye