

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 26, 2020 AT 6:30 PM

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 6:32 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 Ivanicki – Here
Councilman Androwis – Here

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

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Motion to Open the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by Preinfalk, Seconded by Ivanicki,

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

Helena Plaskon, 86 Roehrs Drive: Spoke on the following topics; 1) Asked about OEM and Coronavirus. Mayor Dabal described the organizational structure of the OEM. 2) Raised concerns over mismanagement and confusion at local hospitals. 3) Raised concerns over donating PPE equipment. Would like to donate PPE equipment for first responders and medical personnel. Mayor Dabal requested that Miss Plaskon provide a logistical plan for the efficient delivery and dissemination of PPE equipment and the governing body will analyze it, assess its viability, and

implement it. 4) Raised concerns over lawn signs. 5) Raised concerns over Board of Education and people's ability to speak.

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.

Motion to Close the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by Ivanicki, Seconded by Sadecki,

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting -February 27, 2020

Motion by Preinfalk, Seconded by Rachelski,

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

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Wallington Junior Football

Re: Request for Additional Donation

From: Passaic Valley Sewage Commission

Re: Appeal Regarding Assessment of PVSC Connection Fee

From: Kaufman, Semeraro & Leibman, L.L.P.

Re: Planning Board Meeting Notice

From: Supreme Court of New Jersey

Re: Extension of Tax Appeals filing deadlines

From: MEL/JIF
Re: 2019-2020 Elected Officials Online Seminar

From: Scirocco Group
Re: Families First Coronavirus Response Act

From: NJ Department of Labor
Re: COVID-19 Scenarios & Benefits Available

From: Wallington Court
Re: Cancellation of Court Dates

From: US Census Bureau
Re: Extension of Operational Due Dates

From: NJ Department of Pensions
Re: Marianne Willms Retirement

From: Wallington Emergency Squad
Re: New Precautions and Protocols

From: NJ DCA
Re: Local Operations Guidelines

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

CONTINUING WITH COMMUNICATIONS

From: Wallington Board of Education
Re: Request #10 in the amount of \$1,372,265.00

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

From: Wallington JFK Public Library

Re: Request for portion of 2020 Appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00

Motion to pay subject to fund availability

Motion by Ivanicki, Seconded by Rachelski,

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN EUGENIUSZ RACHELSKI

No Report

COUNCILWOMAN SUSANNE PREINFALK

Schools are closed indefinitely but there is no indication they will be closed for the rest of the year. All school events have been cancelled or postponed. Provided logistical background for home schooling and work flow. Current COVID cases in Wallington is at 4. All basketball nets have been taken down in an effort to ensure social distancing protocols are being followed. Library Grant deadline has been moved to June 5.

COUNCILMAN TOMASZ ORZECZOWSKI

Shade Tree meeting is currently anticipated for April 14. REC is revising its bylaws and standards and protocols for sports organizations looking to utilize Wallington's Recreational fields.

COUNCILMAN TOMASZ SADECKI

Reviewed and walked through Kearny Bank building; Under the circumstances it appears to look good. There maybe programs that will be cut. Borough administrator advised that whatever money has been allocated will be there, but anything going forward it isn't clear if it will be funded.

COUNCILWOMAN WENDYSU IVANICKI

Fire Department and EMS have provided guidelines and procedures for COVID 19.
Thanked OEM

COUNCILMAN KHALDOUN ANDROWIS

President signed family first Coronavirus Act into Law. There will be family and sick leave benefits. Nothing to report with lights for the month of March.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Jordan avenue: Very quickly redoing all the sidewalks in bad shape. Redid all the curbs and handicap ramps. All the work looks to be finished in the next week. Thanked Chief Imbruglia and Mark Lepinski for all their work. OEM team has been working tirelessly; All parks have been closed. Any businesses that are open are being visited by police to ensure they are following existing executive orders. Three banners will be put up to "Spread out and keep your distance." It appears that people are complying. Councilman Rachelski stated that Mayor Dabal has done an outstanding job. Councilwoman Preinfalk also stated that Mayor Dabal has been doing an outstanding job and is in awe at the amount of quality work that is being done by Mayor Dabal. Described care package that were put together by various council people through the local food bank that operates out of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Nothing – Thank you

REPORT

Has been on conference calls with Bergen county; All county parks shall be closed to vehicular traffic but will be open for pedestrian walking. At this point schools will be closed through spring break and a determination will be made April 17, 2020. Bergen community college testing site will only be OPEN to first responders and medical personnel this Saturday. Described testing site at Bergen regional. Police department received a backpack sanitizing machines to clean out police vehicles. I've received multiple phone calls in regards to the great job Mayor Dabal is doing. There will be a delay in the budgeting process as a result of State and Covid-19. As of now the state hasn't changed state statute for taxes.

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 -079

A resolution to authorize the Tax Collector to adjust his books and to satisfy Tax Sale Certificate No. 18-009 for 212 Alden Street in the amount of \$9,242.24.

Resolution 2020 -080

A resolution to authorize the Tax Collector to adjust his books and to satisfy delinquent tax noticed which were sent in error to 39 Roehrs Drive, 46 & 60 Park Row in the amount \$13,884.95 is adjusted to 60 Park Row and a credit in the amount \$20,610.41 is adjusted to 39 Roehrs Drive

Resolution 2020 -081

A resolution to authorize the Tax Collector to adjust his books and to satisfy delinquent tax noticed which were sent in error to 7 Tulip Place in the amount of \$3,061.42.

Resolution 2020-082

A resolution to authorize the Tax Collector to adjust his books and to satisfy delinquent tax noticed which were sent in error to 82 Strong Street in the amount of \$22,501.38.

Resolution 2020-083

A resolution to transfer 2019 Appropriation Reserves.

Resolution 2020-084

A resolution Authorizing Emergency Temporary Budget Appropriations for 2020

Resolution 2020-085

A resolution to authorize the Tax Collector to adjust his books and satisfy delinquent tax notice which were sent to 4 Azalea Drive East in the amount of \$7,848.17.

Motion by Orzechowski, Seconded by Androwis,

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

ORDINANCES

The Borough Attorney stated that the following Ordinances will be carried to the April 14, 2020 Mayor and Council meeting for Adoption due to COVID 19 and the ability for the public to be heard on the Ordinances. The April 14, 2020 meeting will be held virtually giving the public the ability to be heard.

- 2020- 004 2nd 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.
- 2020-005 2nd Reading by Title Only:** Amend Chapter “355 Water” of the Borough Code to increase water rates the amount that PVWC increased the rates they charge the Borough of Wallington. The increase shall be the same amount of their increase of 3.5%
- 2020-006 2nd Reading by Title Only:** An Ordinance relating to manufacturing, distribution and sale of Vaping Products in the Borough of Wallington.

LIST OF BILLS AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF BILLS

Motion to Pay List of Bills Subject to Fund Availability by Preinfalk, Seconded by Rachelski, Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Ivanicki AYE, Androwis AYE.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilwoman Ivanicki: Truck company needs resolution for corner collection. There will be a different date, likely in September.

Mayor Dabal: Water Meters: Borough Administrator, H. Olmo, order had been placed. Starting with apartments where meters are outside. Borough attorney advised status of Tatra Haus; They provided certificate of insurance and when everything gets finalized you will receive the documents for signature. Brought up drainage issues and an effort to clear out storm drains that are clogged prior to Hurricane season, but also address some that are completely clogged just in case of a deluge. Asked status on road vacaturs. Borough Attorney advised that everything has been filed and its finished. There will be a need to allocate costs based on statute, but legally we are all done. A discussion then took place on appraisal of properties connected to vacaturs. Councilman Rachelski advised that this process was never done properly and has been going on for the last ten years.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Ivanicki asked what the status is on the trees on 125 river road. Borough Attorney provided an over view of the auction house.

Mayor Dabal asked if there is an update to the 4H property maintenance; Borough Administrator stated that he will follow up. Mayor Dabal brought up that she is receiving complaints that people are entering the latex and 4H properties; As a result, the superintendent of DPW has locked both gates. There is a need to change the pad locks as a result of the old way of doing business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to enter the Meeting into EXECUTIVE session by Preinfalk, Seconded By Androwis,

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Tipping Fees, Contracts, Personnel Matters

Motion to exit EXECUTIVE session & resume meeting by Ivanicki, Seconded by Preinfalk,

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:24PM by Ivanicki, Seconded by Androwis,

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

Respectfully Submitted By:

Grzegorz Zagaja

Acting Deputy Clerk