

**MINUTES**  
**CAUCUS/ WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**APRIL 14, 2020 at 6PM**

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Mayor Melissa Dabal calls the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Flag Salute and Invocation

Mayor 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 Ivanicki, Seconded by Androwis,

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

Stephen Syby via email  
34 Alden St., Wallington, NJ 07057

**Question:** Why is there still a delay in posting the minutes of meetings that the council held? The last available minutes are from the February 11 work meeting.

Mayor Melissa Dabal stated in effect that this question is disrespectful considering there is a pandemic. Furthermore, considering the previous administration did not approve minutes for 6 months to a year we are doing very well, and after tonight additional minutes shall be approved and posted to the website. Lastly, caucus and work session minutes in the previous administration were never done. Considering these facts and that we are under a pandemic, we are doing exceedingly well.

**Question:** Who or whom approves the final copy of messages, announcements, information, etc. which are posted to the borough website?

Mayor Melissa Dabal stated in effect that the Borough Administrator, Hector Olmo, is responsible of the day to day operations of the borough. Borough Administrator, Hector Olmo, added in effect that a determination is made from him if something needs posting or not.

#### **PUBLIC PRIVILEGE TO THE FLOOR**

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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 Sadecki, Seconded By Androwis,

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Caucus/ Work Session Meeting March 10,2020

Motion by Sadecki, Seconded by Androwis,

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

From: Bergen County Utility

Re: Recycling Update

From: LSRP Environmental Consulting

Re: Response Action Outcome 259 Paterson Ave

From: Bittiger Elias & Triolo

Re: Case Management Update

From: Wallington Building Department

Re: March 2020 Cash Receipts Audit report

From: Neglia Engineering

Re: April 2020 Report

From: NJ League of Municipalities

Re: Update of April 6, 2020

From: Bergen County Emergency Operations Center

Re: Sitrep 27

From: NJ Division of Gov Services

Re: FEMA Public Assistance Program

From: Neglia Engineering

Re: Proposal for Engineering & Construction Crescent Park Drainage Improvements

Re: 2018MA Roadway Improvement Program Willow Avenue & Spring St/Ct

Re: 2019MA Roadway Improvement Program Hathaway St, Chestnut St. & Jordan Ave.

From: Bruno & Associates

Re: Application for Senior Bus Grant

Motion to refer the previous Communications to the proper Agencies  
By Ivanicki, Seconded by Sadecki,

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

### **CONTINUING WITH COMMUNICATIONS**

From: Wallington Board of Education  
Re: Request #11 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.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Engineer Report**

Provided an overview of his report. Advised that correspondence was sent out in regard to no turn on red signage in Passaic. Specifically noted design plans for Van Dyke, Wadsworth, and drainage design for Crescent Park. A discussion ensued on repairing the lighting at the Crescent Park stairs. Engineer would investigate and if there is conduit it should be a fairly easy and cost-effective repair. Mayor Dabal advised that there is a need to assess town wide what areas need repair and prioritize. Maple needs sidewalks, flower streets need paving, Hathaway Street needs to be addressed. Councilwoman Ivanicki brought up need for Spring Street, Spring Court to be finished. Borough Engineer confirmed and is aware and that striping would be done in conjunction with Jordan ave Project. Borough Administrator, Hector Olmo, advised that he is starting on the 2021 Road Improvement Plan with regard to grant applications.

## **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 – 086**

A Resolution to arrange for a public auction of the remaining items abandoned at 125 River Drive

### **Resolution 2020 – 087**

A Resolution to authorize payment of Voucher for No.1 in the amount of \$415,520.72 for 2018 Road Improvement- Various Street Willow Ave & Spring St/Ct (NJDOT Funded)

### **Resolution 2020-088**

A Resolution to Authorize Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$72,553.73 for an increase of 18.53% for 2018 Road Improvement Program- Various Streets Willow Ave & Spring St/Ct

### **Resolution 2020-089**

A Resolution to authorize payment of Voucher for No.1 in the amount of \$128,588.25 for 2019 Road Improvement- Various Street Hathaway St, Chestnut St & Jordan Ave (NJDOT & CDBG Funded)

### **Resolution 2020-090**

A Resolution to apply for funding from the SAFE and SECURE Communities Program Grant in the amount of \$60,000.00.

### **Resolution 2020-091**

A Resolution to authorize Engagement with Caspert Management Co. Auctioneers to auction Borough Property at 125 River Drive.

Motion to approve Resolutions “En Mass” by Sadecki, Seconded by Ivanicki,

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

## **ORDINANCES-**

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**2020- 004      2<sup>nd</sup> 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 to Open the Meeting to the Hearing of the Citizens relative to Ordinance No. 2020-004 by Androwis, Seconded by Rachelski,

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

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

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

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2020-004 by Androwis, Seconded by Sadecki,

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

**2020-005      2<sup>nd</sup> 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%

Motion to Open the Meeting to the Hearing of the Citizens relative to Ordinance No. 2020-005 by Androwis, Seconded by Ivanicki,

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

Stephen Syby via email  
34 Alden St., Wallington, NJ 07057

**Question:** How do the residents know that the PVWC raised Wallington's water rates 3.5%? Does a press release exist, or perhaps a letter written to the borough, where the PVWC is on the record for requesting the 3.5% increase?

Mayor Dabal advised Mr. Syby that this is a contracted rate through Passaic Valley Water Commission. She advised that he can OPRA the rates and provided the address at where their office is located. Mayor Dabal also advised that Wallington has not been raising the water rates. Year over year as was done in the past. We tried to provide the residents a break. Borough Administrator Hector Olmo confirmed same.

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

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2020-005 by Sadecki, Seconded by Rachelski,  
Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Ivanicki AYE, Androwis AYE.

**2020-006      2<sup>nd</sup> Reading by Title Only:** An Ordinance relating to manufacturing, distribution and sale of Vaping Products in the Borough of Wallington.

Motion to Open the Meeting to the Hearing of the Citizens relative to Ordinance No. 2020-006 by Androwis, Seconded by Sadecki,  
Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Ivanicki AYE, Androwis AYE.

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

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2020-006 by Sadecki, Seconded by Rachelski,  
Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Ivanicki AYE, Androwis AYE.

#### **LIST OF BILLS AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF BILLS**

Motion to Pay List of Bills provided funds are available by Sadecki, Seconded by Androwis,  
Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Orzechowski AYE, Sadecki AYE, Ivanicki AYE, Androwis AYE.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Ivanicki advised that the major consensus is the need for Gowns. In addition, there are issues with the Firehouse roofs. Borough Administrator advised that he is aware and the contractor will be there within two days. Councilman Androwis asked why have we not considered adding pitch to the roof to help alleviate some of these flat roof issues. Borough Engineer advised that it is costly to add pitch; Numerous structural changes and additions. Mayor Dabal advised that Wallington is doing much better than many towns in Bergen country in regards to corona virus; Our numbers a low and slow growing.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION- COAH**

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 7:53 PM by Sadecki, Seconded by Ivanicki,

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

Respectfully Submitted By:

Greg Zagaja

Acting Deputy Clerk