

MINUTES
CAUCUS WORK MEETING
April 30, 2020 AT 6:30 PM

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Mayor Melissa Dabal calls the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Flag Salute and Invocation

Mayor Melissa Dabal reads the Public Meeting Notice pursuant to the Sunshine Law

Mayor Dabal – Present
Councilman Rachelski –Here
Councilwoman Preinfalk - Here
Councilman Orzechowski – Excused
Councilman Sadecki - Here
Councilwoman Ivanicki – Here
Councilman Androwis – Present

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

Motion to dispense Regular Order of Business to Introduce the 2020 Budget by Preinfalk,
Seconded by Androwis,
Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Sadecki AYE, Ivanicki AYE, Androwis AYE.

Resolution No. 2020 - 099

A Resolution to Introduce the 2020 Budget

Motion Rachelski, Seconded by Androwis,
Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Sadecki AYE, Ivanicki AYE, Androwis AYE.

Paul Garbarini, advised that Mayor & Council along with the CFO Judy Tutela and the Borough Administrator worked very hard to develop this budgetary solution. This is a Introduced budget and will require review by the Division of Local Governmental Services prior to a adoption.

Borough Attorney, Richard Malagiere, with approval of the Mayor requested roll call to approve what was discussed with regards to the 2020 Introduced Budget.

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

Mayor Dabal thanked Paul Garbarini, Judy Tutela, Gene Rachelski, & Hector Olmo for righting the ship with regards to the various financial issues that have been born from the past.

Motion to resume with Regular Order of Business

Motion by Sadecki, Seconded by Androwis,

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

HEARING OF CITIZENS

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

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

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE TO THE FLOOR

The public part of the meeting will be done by the public submitting their statements via email your email should be sent to gzagaja@wallingtonnj.org by 3:30pm on 4/30. They will then be read at the meeting and into the record. Please list in "Subject Line" open to public. You Must also have your name and Address in the email.

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.

Mayor Dabal introduced Miss Plaskon's questions and comments:

Helena Plaskon, 86 Roehrs Drive:

- "Do you have any left of the funds to fight the coronavirus outbreak? Did I get this correctly from the last meeting that it was planned 10K only for this fiscal year budgted? FYI, I sent last night to the Councilman Androwis, who lives with his family as you are all aware at the same area as I'm. Some suggestions only, on how to wake up and get

involved the staying home Wallington community, to get more protections and other necessary projects done to save our All Wallington community from the deadly virus.”

Mayor Dabal advised that Wallington has available funds and all personnel are working collectively for benefit of all Wallington residents.

- “Why none of the Social Distancing banners (as proposed photo attached as standard to all entries to our borough) or any other, was placed in this important entry to Wallington

from the Carlstadt side?

My daughter is the one who suggested to me that we should have this reminding banner at the Wallington Hill entry also. As she observed coming home, that we have already a lot of traffic and soon it’s going to be a lot more of new East Rutherford residents. She is also the one who paid for it and delivery will be any day.

We hope, we won’t face any problems with the governing body to install it in the suggested place, by our borough’s DPW employees.”

Mayor Dabal advised that all major entrances of Wallington were looked at and assessed for feasibility for the purpose of reminding people to maintain social distancing. This was a comprehensive traffic tracking effort with surrounding towns to ensure all major thoroughfares had either a digital sign or a large enough sign to alert residents. Some areas in Wallington are not conducive to signs and therefore the traffic flow arteries were traced back to ensure other towns have a sign. Evidence of this is in Carlstadt from the exit off State Highway 17.

- “At the last meeting I voluntarily asked the Council and Mayor Dabal to involve me in the OEM team, as the citizen of Wallington. Especially now days, when we have all Republican’s governing body, but I never was informed about the status of the matter.”

Mayor Dabal advised that the OEM team was immediately engaged. Mark Lepinski has been spearheading this effort alongside the Fire Department, Police Department, and Emergency Medical Services. DPW has worked extremely hard under dire circumstances in Wallington and need to be commended! Borough Administrator, Hector Olmo, advised that the OEM was established at the reorganization meeting at the beginning of the year. Mayor Dabal has since benchmarked what other towns are doing and the OEM is basically organized with professionals and not residents. These professionals have experience in emergency management. Mayor Dabal advised that the Borough needs help in other areas and to reach out to the Mayor.

- “Wondering if you are aware if the Democratic manipulators are doing anything good to help the Wallington community in this deadly unprecedented pandemic disaster! We should have something done as the Wallington citizens’ initiative as appreciation for the Galaxy Company, as I did for the past Thanksgiving.”

Mayor Dabal personally feels that there have been multiple meetings with Galaxy with continued unresolved problems, and doesn't feel that such a vendor should not be celebrated especially that they get compensated quite handsomely. Councilwoman President Ivanicki and Councilwoman Preinfalk both agreed to Mayor Dabal's feelings.

"As I stated before, you All are doing incredible job!
We All Thank You very much for your sacrifice in saving lives!

To All stay Healthy and Strong!

Helena Plaskon - the Wallington Citizen Who Cares"

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting -March 26, 2020

Caucus/ Work Session – April 14,2020

Motion by Preinfalk, Seconded by Androwis,

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

COMMUNICATIONS

From: NJ League of Municipalities

Re: 2nd Quarter Property Tax Payment

From: South Bergen JIF

Re: Proposed Bylaw Amendment

From: NJ DCA

Re: DLGS Local Guidance

From: NJ League of Municipalities
Re: Changing Delinquent Property Taxes Interest

From: Governor's Office
Re: Executive Order No. 127

From: Wallington Jr./Sr. High School
Re: Youth Civic Award Scholarship

From: NJ DCA
Re: Murphy Taps I-Bank to help Fiscal Stability

From: State of NJ
Re: Deadline change for 2021 State Aid program

From: Wallington Municipal Court
Re: February and March Revenue report

From: Wallington Board of education
Re: 2020-2021 School District Budget Statement

Motion to refer the previous Communications to the proper Committees or Agencies

Motion by Sadecki, Seconded by Androwis,

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN EUGENIUSZ RACHELSKI

We are currently analyzing and constructing the budget. This will be a very challenging year; On one hand we are hoping we do not have any more surprises and mistakes from the past such as unemployment which has caused about half of the increase. Next year we will be in much better shape. Currently working with Paul Garbarini into restructuring our debt with favorable interest rates and save some money while leveraging additional investments. We need to more accurately forecast revenue in the future.

COUNCILWOMAN SUSANNE PREINFALK

Waiting to hear from Governor Murphy with regard to the remaining academic school year. Doesn't seem like we will have any insight till about May 15. Teacher are working with administrators to handle different options such as Graduation. Schools are

continuing to execute virtual learning. Students who qualify for reduced and free lunches is being expanded. Board of Health: The current Wallington COVID-19 case is 131 with 7 deaths. Would like to congratulate Maryanne Willms on her upcoming retirement and wishes her all the best and thanked her for her service to Wallington. Our Grant application shall be submitted on time and with those funds we should be able to build a new library at little to no cost to the Borough. Lastly, Councilwoman Preinfalk thanks Mayor Dabal for all her hard work and perseverance for the Borough of Wallington. She is thoroughly impressed with her efforts.

COUNCILMAN TOMASZ ORZECOWSKI

No Report - Excused

COUNCILMAN TOMASZ SADECKI

Provided a summary of the development of the 2020 Road Program

COUNCILWOMAN WENDYSU IVANICKI

Thanked the Mayor and Councilwoman Preinfalk with all the work done with care packages and banners. DPW has been working very hard. They painted the civic center, policed the playgrounds, started making repairs to firehouses.

COUNCILMAN KHALDOUN ANDROWIS

Two lights are not working. One on Geranium and one on Lester. Asked Mayor Dabal with regards to the County Park and the additions of lights. Mayor Dabal advised that during this pandemic the county has focused their efforts to the COVID-19 pandemic. We were advised that prior to this pandemic, a lot of the plans in the county to update the county park were in place. This included drainage, fallen trees, dog park, pavilion, and bathrooms. Although the lights were not in the plans, we were scheduled to include this. We received a letter from JIF with an analysis of cost savings as a result of the JIF program.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Miss Dabal provided a background on the COVID-19 crisis as it relates to Wallington. There are barriers to contacting positive cases as it relates to HIPPA. Many people in town such as disabled veterans, people with special needs, and disabled seniors have been helped. Mayor thanked the DPW, Office workers and borough administrator Hector Olmo. Thanked John Kosuda, Joe Smith, Phil Stafford, Rutherford YMCA, Genevieve Kaczmarek, Mark Lepinski, Council members, Police have done a remarkable job. We have very little incidence to report. Advised that the grace period will be extended to June 1 for the May 2020, and asked for a motion.

Motion by Sadecki, Seconded by Androwis,

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No Report

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Provided a status report on the auction company with regard to the "KC's site."

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 -092

A resolution authorizing intent to match a grant award from NJ Library Construction Bond Act.

Resolution 2020-093

A resolution to approve a Bylaw amendment of the South Bergen Municipal JIF Bylaws.

Resolution 2020 -094

A resolution to redeem Tax Sale Certificate No. 17-008 for 341 Paterson Avenue in the amount \$47,657.04 (\$44,657.04 for Tax Sale Certificate and \$3,000.00 for the Premium) the Tax Collector will adjust the books accordingly.

Resolution 2020 -095

A resolution to redeem Tax Sale Certificate No. 18-010 for 40 Park Row in the amount \$1,315.59. Tax Collector will adjust the books accordingly.

Resolution 2020 -096

A resolution to satisfy an under payment of Tax Sale Certificate 14-001 in the amount of \$100.00.

Resolution 2020 -097

A resolution to authorize the Tax Collector to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the third quarter 2020 taxes.

Motion by Sadecki, Seconded by Androwis,

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

ORDINANCES

2020- 007 1st Reading by Title Only: An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Chapter 365, Zoning to Create and Establish a New Article Entitled “Affordable Housing Zone”.

Motion to Introduce Ordinance 2020-007 by Sadecki, Seconded by Androwis,

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

2020- 008 1st Reading by Title Only: An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Chapter 153, Titled “Affordable Housing”.

Motion to Introduce Ordinance 2020-008 Motion by Androwis, Seconded by Sadecki,

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

2020- 009 1st Reading by Title Only: An Ordinance to Create an New Section Titled “Alarm Devices”.

Motion to Introduce Ordinance 2020-009 by Sadecki, Seconded by Androwis,

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

2020- 010 1st Reading by Title Only: An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Chapter 272, Titled “Peddling and Soliciting”

Motion to Introduce Ordinance 2020-010 by Preinfalk, Seconded by Androwis,

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

2020- 011 1st Reading by Title Only: An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Chapter 330, Article VIII, On-Tract Improvement.

Motion to Introduce Ordinance 2020-011 by Androwis, Seconded by Preinfalk,

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

LIST OF BILLS AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF BILLS

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to enter the Meeting into EXECUTIVE session by Preinfalk, Seconded By Androwis,
Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Sadecki AYE, Ivanicki AYE, Androwis AYE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Contracts, Personnel Matters & Pending Lawsuit, COAH

Motion to exit EXECUTIVE session & resume meeting by Sadecki, Seconded by Preinfalk,
Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Sadecki AYE, Ivanicki AYE, Androwis AYE.

Resolution 2020 -098

A resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with PBA for Police Contract for the term of 1/1/2018-12/31/2022.

Borough Attorney Richard Malagiere invited a motion for him to file against "Zielinski" lawsuit to recoup legal expenses

Motion made by Sadecki, Seconded by Preinfalk,
Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Sadecki AYE, Ivanicki AYE, Androwis AYE.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:29PM by Sadecki, Seconded by Preinfalk,

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

Respectfully Submitted By:

Greg Zagaja

Acting Deputy Clerk