

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY MAY 26, 2022 at 6:30PM

Mayor Melissa Dabal calls the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Flag Salute and Invocation

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

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

Borough Attorney Richard Allen – Here
Borough Administrator Michael Kazimir –Here

HEARING OF CITIZENS

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

Marek Brozek, 20 Bond Street: Described his wife's various health issues and why she needs a handicap parking permit. Mayor advised that nothing can be done tonight, and we need to work within the parameters of the law. Mayor Dabal advised that she will reach out to the Board of Health Attorney, get briefed on the process, and analyze what can be done.

Maciej Zawadzki, 36 Mt. Cedar: Described an issue with his vehicle and where he should park his vehicle considering the warning he received. His two vehicles are not commercial. Mayor Dabal described the ordinance change, and when the initial ordinance was put into place. Mayor Dabal described the four criteria in the ordinance and the various challenges concerning parking especially on the lower end of town. Mr. Zawadzki described his dilemma with his electric car, parking, and able to charge his electric cars.

John Cangilosi, 256 Mt. Pleasant Ave: Understands that some officers were overzealous, but the ordinance says what it says. Asked if he can drive his pick that is over 10K pounds in the street. Mayor Dabal advised that every police officer needs to make an intelligent judgement; Chief of

Police rewrote the detail and gave the order. Summonses concerning this ordinance, parking commercial vehicles overnight, will begin to be written starting June 10, 2022.

Joseph Lejawa, 48 Main ave: Is concerned that just because this law is on the book there is no mechanism in the future to prevent citizens from receiving tickets who have personal vehicles over a certain weight. Mayor Dabal described her conversation with the Chief of Police. Mr. Lejawa is concerned that people have driveways that are empty but park in the street. Mayor Dabal spoke about various parking issues and concerns that need to be considered. Councilman Rachelski briefly spoke about the change, and spoke about a pickup truck with a plow that was parked on the street. Mayor Dabal advised that in principal she agrees with Mr. Lejawa and the goal is to free up parking.

Erik Gruenewald, 67 Fradkin Street: Wants to know what the status is with the garbage pickup. He has paid over \$200 in new garbage cans, debris is found in the street, and partial pickups. He is concerned that he finds his garbage cans down the street. Mayor Dabal described the public bidding process. Borough Attorney described the process for curing deficiencies, and the legal process going forward. Councilman Rachelski advised that there was a situation that happened last month where police were following the truck, and when the police officer stopped the truck to advise that they missed several houses and both workers just walked off the job. Mayor Dabal advised what is currently being done, and we are feverishly working on correcting the issue. Councilman Rachelski provided a high-level over view of the cost between doing this in house versus what we are currently paying. Mr. Gruenewald then asked about the warnings issued for parking and classification of vehicles; Described his SUV. Mayor Dabal provided insight into his concerns.

James Wood, 65 Jordan Ave: Asked for clarification of parking stickers; Mr. Wood brought up issues with out of state registration parking in Wallington. Mayor Dabal advised that the borough is looking to roll out a program in targeted areas. There is a growing parking issue with Jason town and the Mt. Pleasant apartments where residents of those apartments do not want to pay the management company for parking stickers for the right to park on the apartment property, but instead park in the streets. Mayor Dabal has stated in effect that she has met with multiple towns and to adopt best practices to ensure we achieve a desired result without wasting borough resources.

Sarah from Emergency Medical Service Squad, 271 Wallington Ave: I was told that one of our first responders would be affected with the change in the weight classification of the ordinance. Mayor Dabal advised that personal pick up trucks are allowable.

John Cangilos, 256 Mt. Pleasant Ave: Requested a status update on the development at the end of Mt. Pleasant Ave. Mayor Dabal and Borough Attorney Richard Allen provided insight into the approval process and judicial imposition of COAH.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 28, 2022

Motion to approve minutes by Androwis, Seconded by Rachelski,

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

RESOLUTION

BOROUGH OF WALLINGTON BERGEN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2022-111

RESOLUTION-PREPARATION OF ESTIMATED TAX BILLS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has determined that there will be insufficient cash flow to support operations in July 2022 unless third quarter revenue is received on time, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector Kathy Sireci, the Borough Administrator Michael Kazimir and, Borough CMFO David Sireci have reviewed and computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54: 4-66.3.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wallington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes that:

1. The Tax Collector David Sireci is directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for The Borough of Wallington for third quarter 2022, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54: 4-66.2 et seq.
2. The estimated tax levy for 2022 is hereby set at \$30,883,949.83. And an estimated tax rate of \$3.203.
3. The Tax Collector David Sireci takes any additional steps necessary to immediately implement this Resolution.
4. On the advice of the Tax Collector, Borough Administrator and Borough CMFO, should the need to process Estimated Tax Bills not be required then said Estimated Tax Bills will not be processed.

Motion to approve resolution 2022-111 by Androwis, Seconded by Rachelski,

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

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Teresa Gasparino: Hasbrouk Heights

Re: Passed Resolutions for suspension of highway fuel tax & Bail Reforms

From: PSE&G
Re: Application Freshwater Wetlands General Permit

From: Borough Attorney Richard Allen
Re: Assessment of OPRA reform resolution

From: Borough Attorney Richard Allen
Re: Draft Letter of Default for Solid Waste

From: Park Row Hose Company #3
Re: Application for Raffle License

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

ORDINANCES

2022 - 009 1st Reading by Title Only: An ordinance to amend and supplement chapter 286 of the code of the Borough of Wallington to revise the resident parking program.
Motion by Androwis, Seconded by Ivanicki,
Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Ivanicki AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Androwis AYE, Balik AYE, Sadecki AYE.

LIST OF BILLS AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF BILLS

<u>Bill List Current Account May 26, 2022</u>			
<u>Vendor</u>	<u>INV#</u>		<u>Amount</u>
<u>Action Data Services</u>	<u>21-01020</u>		<u>\$ 532.52</u>
<u>Action Data Services</u>	<u>22-00570</u>		<u>\$ 494.33</u>
<u>Aeri Lee</u>	<u>22-00536</u>		<u>\$ 212.49</u>
<u>AGL Welding Supply</u>	<u>22-00549</u>		<u>\$ 53.40</u>
<u>All American Sewer</u>	<u>22-00550</u>		<u>\$ 75.00</u>
<u>AM Consultants</u>	<u>22-00533</u>		<u>\$ 950.00</u>
<u>Bergen County Utilities</u>	<u>22-00565</u>		<u>\$ 25,244.80</u>
<u>BHB Pest Elimination</u>	<u>22-00562</u>		<u>\$ 250.00</u>
<u>Blue Water Divers</u>	<u>21-00807</u>		<u>\$ 589.25</u>
<u>Bruno Associates</u>	<u>22-00571</u>		<u>\$ 3,166.66</u>
<u>C&C Tire</u>	<u>22-00543</u>		<u>\$ 630.00</u>

<u>City of Clifton</u>	<u>22-00438</u>	<u>\$ 6,037.50</u>
<u>Comcast</u>	<u>22-00582</u>	<u>\$ 344.57</u>
<u>DiPisa & Lago</u>	<u>22-00539</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
<u>Direct Energy</u>	<u>22-00566</u>	<u>\$ 975.55</u>
<u>East Coast Flag & Banner</u>	<u>22-00556</u>	<u>\$ 591.00</u>
<u>Environmental Renewal</u>	<u>22-00545</u>	<u>\$ 594.00</u>
<u>Richfield Farms</u>	<u>22-00555</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
<u>F.Basso</u>	<u>22-00528</u>	<u>\$ 37,500.00</u>
<u>Garbarinini & Co.</u>	<u>22-00510</u>	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>
<u>Gemini Group</u>	<u>22-00559</u>	<u>\$ 4,958.00</u>
<u>Giblin & Gannaio</u>	<u>22-00512</u>	<u>\$ 5,145.00</u>
<u>Giblin & Gannaio</u>	<u>22-00584</u>	<u>\$ 2,655.00</u>
<u>Home Depot Credit Serices</u>	<u>22-00553</u>	<u>\$ 1,066.41</u>
<u>Hudson County Motors</u>	<u>22-00520</u>	<u>\$ 1,751.07</u>
<u>Hudson County Motors</u>	<u>22-00521</u>	<u>\$ 5,889.07</u>
<u>Institute Forensic Psychology</u>	<u>22-00561</u>	<u>\$ 1,575.00</u>
<u>James T. Taylor</u>	<u>22-00535</u>	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
<u>Kencor Inc.</u>	<u>22-00461</u>	<u>\$ 257.50</u>
<u>Kipp & Allen</u>	<u>22-00527</u>	<u>\$ 6,666.67</u>
<u>DeLange Landen</u>	<u>22-00572</u>	<u>\$ 251.75</u>
<u>Matchpoint Tennis Table</u>	<u>22-00577</u>	<u>\$ 675.00</u>
<u>McGuire Reporting</u>	<u>22-00526</u>	<u>\$ 275.00</u>
<u>McGuire Reporting</u>	<u>22-00563</u>	<u>\$ 275.00</u>
<u>McGuire Reporting</u>	<u>22-00564</u>	<u>\$ 224.25</u>
<u>MCI</u>	<u>22-00529</u>	<u>\$ 89.72</u>
<u>Mid-Bergen Reg. Health</u>	<u>22-00496</u>	<u>\$ 13,000.00</u>
<u>Neglia Engineering</u>	<u>22-00530</u>	<u>\$ 4,698.96</u>
<u>NJ Department of Health</u>	<u>22-00479</u>	<u>\$ 134.40</u>
<u>NJ Department of Health</u>	<u>22-00537</u>	<u>\$ 19.80</u>
<u>NJLM</u>	<u>21-00847</u>	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
<u>Pac Tool & Supply</u>	<u>22-00468</u>	<u>\$ 266.06</u>
<u>Pac Tool & Supply</u>	<u>22-00500</u>	<u>\$ 173.58</u>
<u>Passaic Valley Water Com.</u>	<u>20-00625</u>	<u>\$ 749.00</u>
<u>Passaic Valley Water Com.</u>	<u>22-00579</u>	<u>\$ 66,109.26</u>
<u>Bittiger Elias & Triolo</u>	<u>22-00522</u>	<u>\$ 720.00</u>
<u>Porter Lee Corporation</u>	<u>22-00454</u>	<u>\$ 875.00</u>
<u>Precision Electric Motors</u>	<u>22-00421</u>	<u>\$ 5,365.00</u>
<u>ProCopy</u>	<u>22-00531</u>	<u>\$ 1,099.50</u>

<u>PSE&G</u>	<u>21-00866</u>	<u>\$ 50.02</u>
<u>PSE&G</u>	<u>22-00519</u>	<u>\$ 50.99</u>
<u>PSE&G</u>	<u>22-00569</u>	<u>\$ 498.28</u>
<u>PSE&G</u>	<u>22-00580</u>	<u>\$ 15,969.85</u>
<u>Rainbow Cleaners</u>	<u>22-00495</u>	<u>\$ 90.00</u>
<u>Ready Refresh</u>	<u>22-00581</u>	<u>\$ 393.45</u>
<u>Ridgehurst Auto Parts</u>	<u>22-00546</u>	<u>\$ 565.91</u>
<u>Ridgehurst Auto Parts</u>	<u>22-00547</u>	<u>\$ 606.83</u>
<u>Ridgehurst Auto Parts</u>	<u>22-00548</u>	<u>\$ 1,306.32</u>
<u>Rio Supply</u>	<u>22-00174</u>	<u>\$ 3,550.00</u>
<u>Rio Supply</u>	<u>22-00448</u>	<u>\$ 7,140.00</u>
<u>Robert's & Son</u>	<u>22-00460</u>	<u>\$ 721.00</u>
<u>So. Bergen Mun. Joint Insurance</u>	<u>22-00516</u>	<u>\$ 140,327.00</u>
<u>Theresa Conlon</u>	<u>22-00534</u>	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
<u>Theresa Conlon</u>	<u>22-00578</u>	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
<u>Tomasz Kruk</u>	<u>22-00538</u>	<u>\$ 239.99</u>
<u>TruGreen</u>	<u>22-00583</u>	<u>\$ 1,833.00</u>
<u>US VOIP</u>	<u>22-00573</u>	<u>\$ 953.36</u>
<u>Verizon Wireless</u>	<u>22-00551</u>	<u>\$ 221.92</u>
<u>Verizon Wireless</u>	<u>22-00552</u>	<u>\$ 1,257.95</u>
<u>Verizon</u>	<u>22-00567</u>	<u>\$ 37.97</u>
<u>Verizon</u>	<u>22-00568</u>	<u>\$ 39.39</u>
<u>Wallington Board of Education</u>	<u>22-00574</u>	<u>\$ 478,039.00</u>
<u>Wallington Board of Education</u>	<u>22-00575</u>	<u>\$ 478,039.00</u>
<u>Wallington Board of Education</u>	<u>22-00576</u>	<u>\$ 478,039.00</u>
<u>W.B. Mason</u>	<u>22-00523</u>	<u>\$ 1,190.89</u>
<u>W.B. Mason</u>	<u>22-00524</u>	<u>\$ 191.54</u>
<u>W.B. Mason</u>	<u>22-00525</u>	<u>\$ 259.98</u>
<u>Weiner Law Group</u>	<u>22-00497</u>	<u>\$ 601.60</u>
<u>Williams Scotsman</u>	<u>22-00532</u>	<u>\$ 2,892.20</u>
<u>County of Bergen</u>	<u>22-00517</u>	<u>\$ 737,729.02</u>
<u>County of Bergen</u>	<u>22-00518</u>	<u>\$ 30,552.00</u>
<u>The Shauger Group</u>	<u>22-00515</u>	<u>\$ 116,963.88</u>
<u>Advantage Computer</u>	<u>22-00478</u>	<u>\$ 2,200.00</u>
<u>Angelo's Pizza & Pasta</u>	<u>22-00514</u>	<u>\$ 197.08</u>
<u>AMA Trading</u>	<u>22-00377</u>	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
<u>AMA Trading</u>	<u>22-00377</u>	<u>\$ 3,349.48</u>

	<u>Total Bill List</u>			<u>\$ 2,727,503.97</u>
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Motion to Pay List of Bills provided funds are available by Preinfalk, Seconded by Sadecki,
Roll Call: Rachelski AYE, Ivanicki AYE, Preinfalk AYE, Androwis AYE, Balik AYE, Sadecki AYE.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN EUGENIUSZ RACHELSKI

Would like to thank everyone who was involved with putting together the budget. It is a challenging year, but we did well. We will do better next year.

COUNCILWOMAN WENDYSU IVANICKI

The Board of Health needs to review health ordinances, and revamp where necessary. Fines for unregistered dogs needs to be increased; Dog bite procedures are being revamped. Great news for the Mayor we are ordering the Christmas lights tomorrow. Borough Administrator provided an update on what goes into the packet to PSE&G, and what mapping was done for the Christmas lighting effort.

COUNCILWOMAN SUSANNE PREINFALK

Board of Education has eliminated contact tracing for COVID; The situation is being monitored as COVID cases are increasing. In November there will be a referendum for the Board of Education in the amount of \$7M. Demolition has been completed for the library and successfully backfilled.

COUNCILMAN KHALDOUN ANDROWIS

Nothing for Lights in May. Nothing major with buildings that has been reported. Councilman Androwis requested insight into servicing of air-conditioning for preventative maintenance. Borough Administrator provided insight into maintenance that took place at the Civic Center. Councilman Androwis asked that the Borough Administrator look into the status of the electrical work at Truck company 201. New employee for DPW started.

COUNCILWOMAN BALIK

Survey has been completed for the flood commission. Nothing to report for rent leveling.

COUNCILMAN TOMASZ SADECKI

Last Shade Tree Commission has been canceled. Last zoning board meeting was cancelled; Provided a brief summary of pending activity.

MAYOR'S REPORT

There is a walk to school tomorrow and the Council was invited; If anyone wants to go you are welcome. We need to talk about mold and remediation with the police building.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Nothing for open

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Provided a brief over view of staffing issues that are driving a delay in getting water bills out.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Rachelski brought up a growing problem with the embankment at Main and Stein; Something needs to happen to slow down the collapse. Borough Administrator advised that we will need emergency approval to do something. A discussion took place on various sources of grants to help Wallington to fund the embankment remediation of the river bank of the Passaic River. A tidelands search has been started. Requested if we can do something for Father Steve for his 25th year of ordination.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to go into Executive session by Balik, Seconded by Ivanicki,

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

Borough Attorney Framed Executive session for personnel matters, pending litigation and employee discipline

Motion to get out of Executive by Rachelski, Seconded by Androwis,

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

BOROUGH OF WALLINGTON COUNTY OF BERGEN RESOLUTION NO. 2022-112

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator of the Borough of Wallington has advised the Mayor & Council that Borough of Wallington in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A9-133 requires a Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, there is a statutorily required vacancy effective from the previous Municipal Clerk's retirement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has recommended to the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Wallington that they hire Grzegorz S. Zagaja; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator reviewed Grzegorz S. Zagaja's personnel file and confirmed Mr. Zagaja holds a Master's Degree from an accredited university, has taken and passed the required courses as per N.J.S.A. 40A-9, and holds other certifications, experiences and training relative to the statutory position of Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Zagaja meets and exceeds requirements prescribed in the Borough's Ordinance Chapter 130 and 100-3; and

WHEREAS, this appointment is valid effective May 27, 2022 and shall terminate on May 26, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Wallington finds that it is in the best interests for the borough to function in a manner to serve the needs of the citizens of the Borough of Wallington to appoint an Acting Municipal Clerk.

WHEREAS, Mr. Zagaja will receive no health benefits, and shall not be enrolled into a pension system; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Wallington, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that

1. The Borough Administrator is authorized to take any and all necessary actions to process the appointment of Mr. Grzegorz S. Zagaja.
2. Mr. Grzegorz S. Zagaja be and is hereby appointed as a part-time employee, 30 hours per week, of the Borough of Wallington effective May 27, 2022.
3. The term of this appointment shall expire one year from the previous Municipal Clerk's retirement, and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A9-133c, with the approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs approval, enforce until May 26, 2023.

Motion to approve resolution 2022-112 by Sadecki, Seconded by Androwis,

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

Motion to Direct the borough attorney, Richard Allen, to send default letter to F. Basso by Androwis, Seconded by Preinfalk,

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

**BOROUGH OF WALLINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY
RESOLUTION # 2022-114**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING RICHARD RAY AND ROBERT VENTURA JR. AS
POLICE OFFICERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF WALLINGTON**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is necessary to hire two additional Police Officers to serve the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Richard Ray and Robert Ventura Jr. are each a qualified candidate to serve as a Wallington Police Officer pursuant to Civil Service Commission requirements.

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

1. The Borough Administrator is authorized to take any and all necessary actions (including the execution and delivery of Civil Service forms) to hire Richard Ray and Robert Ventura Jr. as Wallington Police Officers.

2. The hiring of Richard Ray and Robert Ventura Jr. as Wallington Police Officers shall be effective upon adoption of this resolution and approval of the Civil Service Commission, to be hired at step 1 Police Officer salary of \$35,000 in accordance with the current P.B.A. Contract.

Motion to approve resolution 2022-114 by Preinfalk, Seconded by Androwis,

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:19PM by Rachelski, Seconded by Androwis,

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Grzegorz Zagaja
Deputy Clerk