



**Borough of Wallington  
Mayor and Council Public Session Minutes  
Thursday, July 20, 2023, 6:30 P.M., Civic Center**

Mayor Dabal started the meeting at 6:30 PM by reading the OPMA meeting notice, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

**ROLL CALL:** Members Present – Rachelski, Ivanicki, Androwis, Balik, Dabal  
Members Absent – Preinfalk, Sadecki  
Also Present- Borough Attorney Allen and Borough Administrator Kazimir

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Motion to open the meeting to the **HEARING OF CITIZENS** by **Mr. Rachelski**. Second by **Ms. Balik**.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Rachelski, Ivanicki, Androwis, Balik

Mr. Roman Kruk (219 Mount Pleasant Avenue) asked “when can we expect the rest of the meeting minutes.” The Borough Attorney responded that the Clerk is out on sick leave and Mayor responded that they are doing the best they can to catch up. Mr. Kruk also asked about the hours of the Borough Administrator and the Acting Clerk. The Administrator answered that the hours are 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM but that very often, the Administrator must attend meetings offsite or on occasion may have a family emergency. Mr. Kruk asked about placing plastic kid alert visual warnings on Mount Pleasant Avenue.

Mr. Maciej Zawadzki (36 Mount Cedar Avenue) mentioned that he received a property maintenance ticket for overgrown grass and poison ivy growing on a sign in the front of his property on Main Avenue. He asked if it was his responsibility since it was a County owned road. He asked if everyone in the town receives the same ticket for overgrowth (referenced Bowlero and Shop Rite parking lot as examples). The mayor assured that everyone is treated equally. Mr. Zawadzki asked if he can view the tickets for other businesses and the Mayor suggested that he put in an OPRA with Bergen County courts.

Ms. Linda Kusnierz (108 Halstead Avenue) stated that parking is getting worse. She has a three-car driveway and cannot find a parking space. The Mayor suggested that she park in her driveway. Kuniesz suggested that Wallington have a parking permit program like Nutley. Mayor stated that it's not as easy as she thinks and if the previous administration implemented the program when they adopted it in 2010, parking would not be the problem that it is on some streets. The Mayor explained that many towns have revamped their program 2, 3, and 4 times and that along with a program comes cost to the community/budget. Cost that we currently cannot afford. We would be looking at a hire of 1-2 people at 35-45k per year not including medical and benefits. Add another 40k and you are looking at \$160k just in personnel costs. The Mayor stated that she held a meeting with residents of Spring, Crescent, Marilyn, Franklin and Ann Court. They discussed starting small and introducing a pilot program to work out any issues before full rollout. Ms. Kuniesz stated that the program is not moving fast enough. Mayor suggested that Mr. Androwis manage the program along with Ms. Kuniesz; they can work as a team. Mayor asked for a full presentation from Mr. Androwis that includes but not limited to Executive Summary, Cost Analysis, Implementation plan, etc.

The Mayor asked for a motion to make Councilman Khaldoun Androwis the Chairman of the implementation of the parking permit program.

**Mr. Rachelski** motion to approve to make Councilman Khaldoun Androwis the Chairman of the implementation of the parking permit program, second by **Ms. Ivanicki**

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Rachelski, Ivanicki, Balik  
**NAYES:** Androwis



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**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Dabal requested a motion for approval “en mass” for **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-140 – RESOLUTION NO. 2023-143**. Motion to approve **CONSENT AGENDA** made by **Mr. Rachelski** and seconded by **Ms. Balik**. Unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote.

**ROLL CALL: AYE:** Rachelski, Ivanicki, Androwis, Balik

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-140:** Approval of Chief Imbruglia’s Retirement Payout
2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-141:** Authorizing Agreement for Professional Services – Neglia – 54 Union Boulevard
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-142:** Resolution Directing The Wallington Planning Board To Conduct A Preliminary Investigation As To Whether Or Not The Study Area Defined Herein, Or Any Part Thereof, Qualifies As A “Non-Condensation Area In Need Of Redevelopment” Pursuant To The New Jersey Local Redevelopment & Housing Law
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-143:** Authorizing Payment of Bills and Supplemental Payment of Bills

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor requested a motion for approval of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, Caucus / Work Session Minutes and March 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 Regular Public Session Minutes.

Mr. Androwis expressed his disappointment with the vagueness of the meeting minutes as well as the fact that he has still not received his OPRA request.

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, Caucus / Work Session

Motion to approve by **Mr. Rachelski**, second by **Ms. Balik**

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Rachelski, Ivanicki, Balik

**NAYES:** Androwis

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Regular Public Session

Motion to approve by **Mr. Rachelski**, second by **Ms. Balik**

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Rachelski, Ivanicki, Balik

**NAYES:** Androwis

**ORDINANCES**

**Ms. Balik** motion for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and for adoption for **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-04**, An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Chapter 268 of the Code of the Borough of Wallington to Restrict Chaining of Anchoring of Bicycles, Mopeds, Skateboards, Scoots or Motorized Scooters. Second by **Mr. Rachelski**.

Mayor Dabal requested a motion to OPEN for public comment. **Ms. Balik** motion to OPEN for public comment and second by **Mr. Rachelski**.

A question was raised by Mr. Roman Kruk, regarding the details of the Ordinance. Mayor Dabal explained in detail the ordinance’s purpose.

A resident inquired about an alternative of placing a bike rack. Mayor Dabal explained that it would impede the sidewalk.

A resident raised a concern regarding scooters pulling in front of cars. Mayor responded that scooters pulling in front of cars is an overall problem.



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Mayor Dabal asked for a motion to CLOSE seeing or hearing no additional comments or questions from the public. **Mr. Rachelski** motion to CLOSE, second by **Ms. Ivanicki**.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Rachelski, Ivanicki, Androwis, Balik

**NON-CONSENT AGENDA**

No items for Non-Consent Agenda

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion made by **Mr. Rachelski** to convene into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** as per **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-139** in accordance with Title 10 Chapter 4 through 12 Section B to discuss **police personnel and retirement agreements**, second by **Ms. Ivanicki**.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Rachelski, Ivanicki, Androwis, Balik

Entered **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at **7:30 PM**

Returned into **PUBLIC SESSION** at **7:50 PM**

**OLD BUSINESS**

No items for Old Business

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Mr. Rachelski** motion for **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-140** authorizing the shared service agreement with Carlstadt Re: Street Sweeper and second by **Mr. Androwis**.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Rachelski, Ivanicki, Androwis, Balik

**Ms. Balik** motion to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-141** promotion of police officers, second by **Ms. Ivanicki**. The following individuals were promoted to the ranks in the Wallington Police Department based upon satisfaction of all lawfully required conditions with seniority, as provided: Chief Shawn Kudlacik, Captain Eric Kluska, Lieutenant Paul Stolarz, Lieutenant Mark Wyzykowski, Sergeant Nick Melfi Jr., and Sergeant Michael Marciniak.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Rachelski, Ivanicki, Androwis, Balik

**Mr. Rachelski** motion **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-142** resolution directing the Wallington Planning Board to conduct a preliminary investigation as to whether or not the study area defined herein, or any part thereof, qualifies as a "non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment" pursuant to the New Jersey local redevelopment and housing law. Second by **Ms. Balik**.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Rachelski, Ivanicki, Androwis, Balik

Councilman Androwis brought up the issue of the large tree in Roehrs and sidewalk replacement. Mr. Androwis stated that all tree removal is in the responsibility of the homeowner, not the town and that the DPW went against the bylaws of Shade Tree



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and removed trees for homeowners in the Borough. Mayor Dabal explained that as a resident of Roehrs, a Councilman, and a former Chairman of the Shade Tree Commission it was his responsibility to act to remove this tree as well as others Borough-wide that pose a serious safety hazard to the residents as well as a liability to the town. The Mayor went on to explain that Councilman Androwis knew about the safety hazard to the residents as this tree posed as it was lifted 30" inches up from the ground, and he received several documented reports from residents and that he did nothing about it. Mayor Dabal went on to explain that for the safety of the residents she spoke to the Borough Attorney and brought the removal to the Shade Tree Commission who voted unanimously for the emergent removal.

Councilwoman Balik had requested a speed limit study completed by Wallington Police Department for certain streets. Ms. Balik had requested Borough Attorney Allen regarding the present state statutes and requested the Borough Engineer get involved with the proposed study.

Some of the streets being considered for a 4-way stop signs or speed bumps are Strong, Alden, Mount Pleasant and Park Row. Ms. Balik also spoke about changing the water main on Wallington Avenue. Councilman Rachelski stated that they are actively enrolled in the Water Bank grant but are at the bottom 10% of 1200 applicants. The criteria for the award of the grant depends on the number of current capital projects and cost. As a side note, we test the water here monthly and have not had any issues or concerns.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Dabal requested a motion for adjournment. **Mr. Rachelski** motion for adjournment, second by **Ms. Balik**.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Rachelski, Ivanicki, Androwis, Balik

The meeting was adjourned at **8:15 PM**.

Respectfully Drafted by,

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Ace Antonio  
Acting Municipal Clerk