



**Borough of Wallington
Mayor and Council Public Session Minutes
Thursday, August 24, 2023, 6:30 P.M., Civic Center**

Mayor Dabal started the meeting at 6:36 PM by reading the OPMA meeting notice, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

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

Mayor Dabal began the meeting by thanking Mike Kazimir for his tenure and dedication to the community. Mike Kazimir thanked the Mayor and the Governing body for the opportunity to “cut his teeth” in a community you can tell residents love.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Motion to open the meeting to the **HEARING OF CITIZENS** by **Ms. Preinfalk**. Second by **Ms. Ivanicki**.

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

Mr. Walter Wargacki Jr. (27 Veterans Court) wanted to thank Mike Kazimir for his service as the Borough Administrator and wished him well in the Borough of Dumont.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor requested a motion for approval of November 10th, 2022, Regular Public Session Minutes, December 15th, 2022, Regular Public Session.

November 10th, 2022, Regular Public Session Minutes

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

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

December 15th, 2022, Regular Public Session Minutes

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

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

Borough Administrator Kazimir wanted to make a note for the record that March 30th, 2023, Regular Public Session Minutes was pulled from the August 24th, 2023, Regular Public Session Agenda and stated that the March 30th 2023, Regular Public Session Minutes were not yet available for the governing body’s review.



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CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Dabal opened the floor and requested a motion for approval “en mass” for **RESOLUTIONS NO. 2023-143 – RESOLUTIONS NO. 2023-161**. **Ms. Ivanicki** motioned to approve **CONSENT AGENDA**, seconded by **Ms. Balik**.

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

NAYS: Sadecki voted **nay** to the following resolutions listed below: **4,5,6,7,13,16,17**

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 143:** Authorizing Social Affairs Permit through New Jersey ABC – Wallington Emergency Squad September 23rd, 2023.
2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 144:** Authorizing Liquor License Renewals. (Hillside Club, Tomaszewski)
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 145:** Authorizing Entering Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen and HUD-2023 CDBG Projects.
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 146:** Authorizing Agreement for Professional Services Surveying/ Engineering/Architecture with Neglia for 54 Union Blvd.
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 147:** Authorizing Agreement For Professional Services Surveying Engineering With Neglia For Park View Drive – Drainage And Street Improvement Phase II. CDBG Project Award \$122,300.
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 148:** Authorizing Agreement For Professional Services Engineering And Construction Management With Neglia For Mt. Pleasant Basketball Improvements – Open Space Trust Fund Award \$56,250.
7. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 149:** Authorizing Agreement For Professional Services – 2022 Annual Report Updates For Storm Water Management Program With Neglia \$3,196.
8. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 150:** Authorizing Purchase Of Borough Vehicles For Fire Department.
9. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 151:** Authorizing Wallington Lions Club (Raffle).
10. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 152:** Authorizing Wallington Emergency Squad (Raffle).
11. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 153:** Authorizing Sale Of Surplus Equipment Through Gov Deals Auction Service.
12. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 154:** Authorizing Grant Agreement With Nj Dept. Of Law And Public Safety OAG. ARP Act 2021 Automated License Plate Reader.
13. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 155:** Authorizing Borough Administrator To Sign All Necessary Documents In Absence Of The Clerk.
14. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 156:** Authorizing Agreement Renewal With Wallington Board Of Education Re: SLEO Officers.
15. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 157:** Authorizing Payment Of Bills And Supplemental List Of Bills.
16. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 158:** Authorizing Adjustment Of Salary For Additional Services - Frank Belli.
17. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 159:** Authorizing A Resolution Providing For The Continuation Of Administrative Responsibilities In The Absence Of The Borough Administrator.
18. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 160:** Rescinding Emergency Street Sweeping RESOLUTION NO. 2022-203.
19. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 161:** Authorizing Shared Service Agreement With Bergen County For Heavy Equipment Rental.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Dabal requested a motion for approval of communications to the proper department heads as listed.

Ms. Preinfalk made the motion to approve all communications, seconded by **Ms. Balik**. Unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote.

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

1. Township of South Hackensack
Re: Ordinance # 2023-11 Authorizing Cannabis Zones and establishments
2. Office of the County Executive
Re: Award of FY2022-2023 CDBG Funding – Tulip, Orchard, Primrose \$111,250.00
3. Wallington Emergency Squad
Re: Resignation of Shannon Napolitano



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4. Zoning Board Resolutions
Re: Resolution # 2023-03
Re: Resolution # 2023-04
Re: Resolution # 2023-05
Re: Resolution # 2023-06
5. Wallington Board of Education
Re: Requesting Funds Disbursement
6. Wallington Emergency Squad
Re: July 2023 Report

ORDINANCES

Mr. Rachelski motioned and introduced by title only, **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-05**, an Ordinance to Amend Nepotism Ordinance for Wallington Police Department. **Ms. Ivanicki** seconded the motion. Unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2023-05 by Roll Call Vote.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Rachelski, Ivanicki, Preinfalk, Balik, Sadecki

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

No items for Non-Consent Agenda

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Preinfalk reported that the first day of school is Wednesday September 6th, 2023. The Wallington Board of Education Building Improvement Referendum in the high school has been completed. Other projects are still ongoing. Construction update on the Library, construction is continuing positively. PSEG will be conducting work and water connection has been scheduled. Low voltage installation has been completed, as well as the storefront window frames, and glass installation is tentatively scheduled for next week. Ms. Preinfalk wanted to highlight in recreation that registration is open for the SC Vistula/Legia Fall Soccer clinics. Ms. Preinfalk wanted to highlight in recreation that registration is open for SC Vistula / Legia Fall Soccer clinics and on August 30th at 6 PM. WERC Warriors will hold their kickoff at riggings Field in East Rutherford. In addition to these programs, Yoga, Zumba, Aikido at the Knights of Columbus. Please register on www.wallingtonrec.com, Ms. Preinfalk also wanted to announce the incoming Wallington Fall Festival on September 28th, 2023, presented by the Mayor and Council, which will be from 4:00PM-9:30 PM. The Fall Festival will have live music, a touch a truck event, kid friendly entertainment, vendor booths, food trucks, biergarten, and a presentation by the Wallington Fire Department regarding fire prevention. Ms. Preinfalk noted that they are accepting more sponsors and additional vendors for the event, so if anyone is interested contact her directly.

Councilman Sadecki asked what the recreation flyer meant by signing up for Yoga on Monday, or Wednesday. Marta Goldyn mentioned that residents were always given the option to choose a class on Monday or Wednesday.

Mr. Rachelski mentioned that he met with the Borough Attorney, Borough Planner and Borough Administrator to discuss the 2025 Affordable Housing Plan. He went on to say that 10 years ago the Borough was unprepared for the affordable housing requirements and paid a costly price. So, he stated that we need to be proactive and plan for the upcoming rounds. Mr. Rachelski would like to develop in the next six to eight months a detailed action plan which specifically addresses redirecting traffic from residential streets in the Borough because of commercial development. Mr. Rachelski has reached a verbal agreement with all developers to build a road that will divert any truck traffic from residential streets. A preliminary plan has been prepared.

Ms. Balik reported that since March 2023, the Department of Public Works has replaced 122 water meters. The DPW has been able to fix two water service curb stops to enable meter replacement. Ms. Balik described that the excavation was required to complete the



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assignment. Responding to not only 21 sewer backups, but the DPW had responded to 12 Johnson Avenue with a major sewer backup that may require an outside contractor to complete that main problem. DPW uncovered that the sewage pipe is in poor condition, with multiple cracks in the clay pipe including some broken and missing fragments. Currently DPW is submitting options for the governing body and Borough Engineer their recommendations for their final approval. Ms. Balik did want to highlight that the storm pipe by Spring Street was completed. DPW has replaced several units in our municipal buildings such as the HVAC rooftop unit at the Civic Center, installing the exhaust filtration units in the firehouses and EMS building. Ms. Balik inquired about an ordinance number for the permit parking on Roehrs Drive by Johnson Avenue and requested signage to be posted. Ms. Balik also inquired about any available grants for Park Equipment. Ms. Balik also requested a traffic study to be completed on specific streets and while school is in session to keep everyone safe. Neglia Engineering will be preparing a proposal for the traffic study to be completed when school is in session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Preinfalk motioned to go into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** as per RESOLUTION 2023-162 in accordance with Title 10 Chapter 4 through 12 Section B to discuss **personnel, litigation, and contracts**. **Mr. Rachelski** seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote.

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

Entered **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at **6:55 PM**

Returned into **PUBLIC SESSION** at **7:33 PM**

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Ivanicki had brought up the CivicPlus Contract. She had discussed the challenges with CivicPlus and discussed with their representatives directly in speaking with them and setting up a new website. Borough Administrator Kazimir reported that the present contract is a package price. Mayor Dabal remarked that this current company operates very differently than when she designed the new website with the prior company and not for the best.

Ms. Ivanicki introduced the red curbs ordinance for Firehouse 202. Parking for Firefighters. She reported there was a delay ordering signs, numbers, and a code ordinance error. Ms. Ivanicki also brought up a digital sign for the civic center for the exterior and would like to look further in upgrading the present announcement board.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by **Ms. Preinfalk** for RESOLUTION NO. 2023-163 for Marta Goldyn to be Provisional Registrar. Seconded by Ms. Ivanicki. Unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Rachelski, Ivanicki, Preinfalk, Balik, Sadecki

Mr. Rachelski made a public presentation and wanted to highlight his appreciation and gratitude to Chief Carmello Imbruglia for the years of contributed service to the Borough of Wallington as Chief of Police. A plaque presentation was presented to Chief Imbruglia for his dedicated service. Congratulations on your retirement, Chief Imbruglia.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Dabal requested a motion for adjournment. **Ms. Ivanicki** made the motion for adjournment, seconded by **Ms. Balik**.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Rachelski, Ivanicki, Preinfalk, Balik, Sadecki



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The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Drafted by,

Ace Antonio
Acting Municipal Clerk