



**Borough of Wallington
Mayor and Council Public Session Minutes
Thursday, September 7, 2023, 6:30 P.M., Civic Center**

Mayor Dabal started the meeting at 6:39 PM by reading the OPMA meeting notice, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Dabal requested a motion to suspend the regular order of business for a special presentation from Bobby O. to the fire department. **Ms. Preinfalk** motioned to suspend the regular order of business, seconded by **Ms. Ivanicki**. Unanimously approved by Voice Vote.

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

The Mayor stated that she had the pleasure of introducing Bobby O., the most generous person she knows. She mentioned that Bobby O's foundation provides grants for lots of organizations including but not limited to LEAD, the Popek Foundation, the Barnas Foundation, and many others. Mayor Dabal asked Bobby O. to say a few words.

Bobby O explained that the Robert E and Marie Smith Foundation was started by his aunt and uncle in 1993. After their passing Bobby O. and his cousin assumed responsibility. They donate to 501c3 charities and try to do the same for smaller charities that don't qualify for larger grants. He presented a check for \$19,990.00 to the Wallington Fire Department on behalf of the Orr Smith Foundation for their swift water rescue gear. Bobby mentioned that he was a fireman for 15 years and considers all of emergency services personnel as family.

Mayor Dabal expressed her gratitude for the foundation's generous donation.

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, Preinfalk, Androwis, Balik, Sadecki

Mayor Dabal requested a motion to **OPEN** to the public for the **HEARING OF CITIZENS**. **Mr. Rachelski** motioned to **OPEN** the **HEARING OF CITIZENS**, seconded by **Ms. Balik**.

Mayor Dabal requested addressed the public and inquired if anyone wish to the address the Mayor and Council, requesting name and address. No public approached the podium.

Hearing and seeing no one, Mayor requested a motion to **CLOSE** the **HEARING OF CITIZENS**.

Mr. Rachelski motioned to **CLOSE** the **HEARING OF CITIZENS** and seconded by **Ms. Ivanicki**.

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



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 30th, 2023, Caucus / Work Session Minutes

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

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

NAYS: Androwis

ABSTAIN: Sadecki

April 20th, 2023, Regular Public Session Minutes

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Rachelski, Preinfalk, Balik

NAYS: Androwis

ABSTAIN: Ivanicki, Sadecki

May 4th, 2023, Caucus / Work Session Minutes

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: Rachelski, Preinfalk, Balik

NAYS: Androwis

ABSTAIN: Ivanicki, Sadecki

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Dabal requested a motion to approve “en mass” by **CONSENT AGENDA**. Mayor Dabal inquired with Borough Attorney Allen if there was anything on **CONSENT AGENDA** that needed to be pulled or if there were any questions. Borough Attorney denied any issues of the **CONSENT AGENDA**.

Mr. Rachelski motion to approve “en mass” **RESOLUTIONS NO. 2023-164 – RESOLUTIONS NO. 2023-169**, seconded by **Ms. Ivanicki**. Unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote.

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

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-164:** Authorizing Payment Of Bills And Supplemental List Of Bills.
2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-165:** Authorizing Providing For The Insertion Of Any Special Item Of Revenue In The Budget Of Any County Or Municipality Pursuant To N.J.S.40A:487 (Chapter 159, P.K.1948)
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-166:** Appointing A Registrar For The Borough Of Wallington
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-167:** Authorizing Thomas Gorski As An Alternate Senior Center Bus Driver.
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-168:** Authorizing The Borough Engineer To Perform Surveying, Engineering And Construction Management Services For Primrose Drive, Tulip Place And Orchard Drive.
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-169:** Authorizing The Borough Engineer To Perform Traffic Engineering Services To Evaluate The Need For 4 Way Stop Signs At Various Intersections.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Rachelski motioned to approve the following communications, and to delegate them to the proper department heads. Motion was seconded by **Ms. Balik**.

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

1. Zoning Board Resolutions



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Re: Resolution # 2023-07
Re: Resolution # 2023-08
Re: July 25th Minutes

2. Wallington Emergency Squad
Re: Andrea Carrillo Resignation Letter
Re: August 2023 Report
3. Board of Health
Re: June 21, 2023, Minutes

ORDINANCES

Mayor Dabal requested a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-06 and Ordinance 2023-07, by first reading and title only. An Ordinance To Prevent Stored Salt And Other Solid De-Icing Materials From Being Exposed To Stormwater.

Ms. Balk requested clarification regarding the specifics of the Ordinance. Borough Attorney Allen suggested that these ordinances mandated by the DEP, should be voted on for first reading and referred to the Planning Board of comments.

Mr. Rachelski motioned and introduced by title only, **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-06**, An Ordinance To Prevent Stored Salt And Other Solid De-Icing Materials From Being Exposed To Stormwater. **Ms. Balik** seconded the motion. Ordinance was approved by title only to be forwarded over to the Planning Board for comment.

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

Ms. Preinfalk motioned by title only, **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-07**, An Ordinance To Establish Requirements For Tree Removal And Replacement In Borough Of Wallington To Reduce Soil Erosion And Pollutant Runoff, Promote Infiltration Of Rainwater Into The Soil, And Protect The Environment, Public Health, Safety, And Welfare. **Mr. Rachelski** seconded the motion.

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

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

No items for Non-Consent Agenda

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Dabal opened to the Council if anyone wished to speak before going into EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Ms. Balik also reported that the tree branches were too low and needed to be trimmed to not to continue to damage the street sweeper. They would also like to modify the route with special attention to Strong Street considering it is virtually impossible to get close to the curb.

Mayor Dabal stated that the issue is the Carlstadt street sweeper was often damaged because especially Strong Street due to the logistics or not being able to get right to the curb, and the cab was a hard plastic. Mayor Dabal wanted to emphasize caution to avoid damage to the new street sweeper. Mayor requested that DPW put a plan together to do several streets at a time. Ms. Balik agreed, and stated that there were a lot of trees that needed attention and would follow up with Ray Dynes regarding the issue.



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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Ivanicki motioned to convene into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** as per **RESOLUTION 2023-078** in accordance with Title 10 Chapter 4 through 12 Section B to discuss **personnel, litigation, and contracts**. Seconded by **Mr. Rachelski**. Unanimously approved by Voice Vote. Motion unanimously approved to convene into **EXECUTIVE SESSION**.

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

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

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

Returned into **PUBLIC SESSION** at **7:12 PM**

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Ivanicki wanted to give an update regarding the Union Boulevard streetscape, where she updated that the holdup was PSEG, which take the longest for the lamp posts. Ms. Ivanicki reached out to Dave Juzmeski about the curb at the Transfiguration Church which was supposed to be done in March. Borough Engineer is waiting until another street project to keep costs down and address the curb.

Mayor Dabal suggested in the meantime to put up a railing on the lip. Mayor Dabal suggested a L shape railing. Ms. Ivanicki would follow up with the request.

Ms. Ivanicki further reported that 12 trash cans were ordered where one trash can per firehouse and be distributed accordingly.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rachelski wanted to bring up with the Council that he had a discussion with County Administrator / County Counsel Tom Duch. Mr. Rachelski wanted to highlight that Bergen County has a sister city in Palermo, Sicily. Being that the population is heavily Polish, and suggested to organize something, and reach out to a town in Poland and build a relationship. Mr. Rachelski personally suggested Zambrów, jokingly, but suggested Kolbuszowa as a great option.

Mayor Dabal inquired the if Mr. Dutch mentioned the involvement of the exchange, and Mr. Rachelski responded that the discussion was information and would have a display of what is going on. Mayor Dabal stated to look further into the possible exchange. Further discussion of other possible cities. Mr. Rachelski stated that there are several other municipalities that have an exchange relationship internationally. Mr. Rachelski suggested allowing Ms. Balik to assist in the search. Mr. Rachelski requested to furnish a letter to the government of Nisko and try to build some kind of relationship.

Ms. Balik requested permission from the Council if the Borough can showcase the street sweeper at the Touch-A-Truck Event. Presently the new decals are being developed and being worked on by Ms. Preinfalk.

Ms. Ivanicki motioned **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-170** that the Borough would provide an \$80.00 reimbursement for the Captain/Chief of the Emergency Squad, quarterly starting in October 2023 and running until the council does something else, or terminating when the new vehicle is available." Motion was seconded by **Ms. Preinfalk**. Unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote.

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

Mr. Rachelski brought up an earlier discussion regarding the redevelopment, and possible additional revenues. Mr. Rachelski stated that the Borough should use some of the additional revenues for a new school. Mr. Rachelski credits the idea to Mayor Dabal. Mr. Rachelski



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suggested creating a small subcommittee for looking at a new school. Mr. Rachelski further describes the creation of the committee as an opportunity of a lifetime with the redevelopment of the remaining land. Mr. Rachelski suggested the Board of Education liaison, Ms. Preinfalk, and Mayor Dabal be part of the subcommittee investing in benefiting our residents.

Mr. Rachelski moved for **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-171** authorizing Ms. Preinfalk and Mayor Dabal to create a sub-committee for a new school, seconded by **Ms. Preinfalk**. Unanimously approved by Voice Vote.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Dabal requested a motion for adjournment. **Ms. Ivanicki** moved for adjournment of the meeting, seconded by **Ms. Preinfalk**. Unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote.

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

The meeting was adjourned at **7:45 P.M.**

Respectfully Drafted by,

Ace Antonio
Acting Municipal Clerk