



**Borough of Wallington  
Mayor and Council Public Session - Minutes  
Thursday, February 22 2024, Civic Center**

A quorum was established. A Public Session of the Borough of Wallington Mayor and Council was held at the Wallington Civic Center on Thursday, February 22, 2024, presided over by Mayor Dabal with Frank Belli as Acting Municipal Clerk. Mayor Dabal called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. and read the OPMA Notice, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Dennis Graham, Beata Balik, Susanne Preinfalk, Wendy Ivanicki, Khaldoun Androwis, Mayor Melissa Dabal  
Also Present - Borough Attorney Richard Allen, Borough Administrator Jennifer Appice  
Absent – Eugeniusz Rachelski

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Councilwoman Balik motioned to open the Hearing of Citizens and seconded by Councilwoman Preinfalk

**ROLL CALL:** **AYE:** Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki, Androwis

- Helena Plaskin of 86 Roehrs Drive, wished to discuss her Senior Tax Freeze booklet.

Councilwoman Balik motioned to close the Hearing of Citizens. Seconded by Councilwoman Preinfalk

**ROLL CALL:** **AYE:** Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki, Androwis

**CONSENT AGENDA: (See Attached for full resolutions)**

1. Resolution No. 2024 – 092 Authorizing advertisement of bid for Renovations to Municipal Building
2. Resolution No. 2024 – 093 Shared Service Agreement with BUA for preparation of annual tonnage report
3. Resolution No. 2024 – 094 Authorizing refund of property tax credit for 1 Parkway
4. Resolution No. 2024 – 095 Authorizing Grant submission to the NJ DCA for FY24 local Recreation Grant Program
5. Resolution No. 2024 – 096 Shared Service Agreement with County for Tree Removal along County Roads
6. Resolution No. 2024 – 097 Opposing A4/S50 Affordable Housing Revision
7. Resolution No. 2024 – 098 Authorizing tax appeal settlement agreements
8. Resolution No. 2024 – 100 Authorizing Payment of Bills
9. Resolution No. 2024 – 101 Authorizing cancellation of remaining balances for Library

Councilwoman Preinfalk motioned to approve “en mass”, seconded by Councilwoman Balik

**ROLL CALL:** **AYE:** Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki, Androwis

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Councilwoman Balik motioned to convene into **CLOSED SESSION** at 6:48 p.m., as per Resolution 2024-099, seconded by Councilman Graham

**ROLL CALL:** **AYE:** Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki, Androwis

**RESOLUTION 2024-099**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO CONVELE INTO CLOSED SESSION AS PER THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, P. L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS** it is necessary for the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wallington to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

- ☒ (1) Matters Required by Law to be Confidential:
- ☐ (2) Matters Where the Release of Information:
- ☐ (3) Matters Involving Individual Privacy:
- ☐ (4) Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements:
- ☐ (5) Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease of Acquisition of Real Property, or the Investment of Public Funds:
- ☐ (6) Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property:
- ☒ (7) Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations, and the Attorney-Client Privilege:
- ☐ (8) Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship:
- ☐ (9) Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty:

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

1. An Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on February 22, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached on the agenda in the Civic Center, 24 Union Boulevard, Wallington, New Jersey for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.
2. Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

Councilwoman Preinfalk motioned to return to **PUBLIC SESSION** at 7:58 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Balik

**ROLL CALL:** **AYE:** Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki, Androwis

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Wallington Board of Education – School District Tax appropriation for 01/01/2024-06/30/2024  
Jody Pietrowitz, Business Administrator / Board Secretary

## **ORDINANCES:**

**2024-002: 2nd Reading By Title Only:** An Ordinance Amending & Supplementing Chapter 307 of the Code of the Borough of Wallington Restricting Parking on Lawns in the Borough

Motion to Open the Hearing of the Citizens relative to Ordinance No. 2024-002 by Councilwoman Balik, Seconded by Councilwoman Preinfalk

**ROLL CALL:** **AYE:** Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki, Androwis

- No Citizens Spoke

Motion to Close the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by Councilwoman Balik, Seconded by Councilman Graham

**ROLL CALL:** **AYE:** Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki, Androwis

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-002 by Councilwoman Preinfalk, Seconded by Councilman Graham

**ROLL CALL:** **AYE:** Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki, Androwis

**2024-003: 2nd Reading By Title Only:** Ordinance to Amend & Supplement the Code of the Borough of Wallington to Revise the Schedule of Stop Intersections in Schedule IX of Section 307-41

Motion to Open the Hearing of the Citizens relative to Ordinance No. 2024-003 by Councilman Graham, Seconded by Councilwoman Balik

**ROLL CALL:** **AYE:** Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki, Androwis

- No Citizens Spoke

Motion to Close the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by Councilwoman Preinfalk, Seconded by Councilwoman Ivanicki

**ROLL CALL:** **AYE:** Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki, Androwis

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-003 by Councilwoman Balik, Seconded by Councilwoman Preinfalk

**ROLL CALL:** **AYE:** Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki, Androwis

**2024-004: 2nd Reading By Title Only:** An Ordinance To Amend & Supplement Chapter 100 of the Code of the Borough of Wallington to Clarify the Applicability of the Borough's Personnel Policies

Motion to Open the Hearing of the Citizens relative to Ordinance No. 2024-004 by Councilwoman Balik, Seconded by Councilwoman Preinfalk

**ROLL CALL:** **AYE:** Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki, Androwis

- No Citizens Spoke

Motion to Close the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by Councilwoman Balik, Seconded by Councilman Graham

**ROLL CALL:** **AYE:** Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki, Androwis

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-004 by Councilwoman Balik, Seconded by Councilwoman Preinfalk

**ROLL CALL:** **AYE:** Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki,

**NAY:** Androwis

**2024-005: 2nd Reading By Title Only:** An Ordinance To Amend & Supplement Chapter 286 of the Code of the Borough of Wallington to Revise the Resident Parking Program

Motion to Open the Hearing of the Citizens relative to Ordinance No. 2024-005 by Councilwoman Balik, Seconded by Councilman Graham

**ROLL CALL:** **AYE:** Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki, Androwis

- No Citizens Spoke

Motion to Close the Meeting to the Hearing of Citizens by Councilman Graham, Seconded by Councilwoman Preinfalk

**ROLL CALL:** **AYE:** Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki, Androwis

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-005 by Councilman Androwis, Seconded by Councilwoman Ivanicki

**ROLL CALL:** **AYE:** Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki, Androwis

**2024-006: 1st Reading By Title Only:** An Ordinance To Exceed Mun. Budget Appropriations Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

Motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 2024-006 by Councilwoman Preinfalk, Seconded by Councilwoman Balik

**ROLL CALL:** **AYE:** Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki, Androwis

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- DPW
- BOARD OF HEALTH
- RENT LEVELING
- BOROUGH MANAGER

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Councilwoman Ivanicki addressed Crossing Guard chain of Command protocol.
- Councilwoman Preinfalk advised that PSEG connected the gas line to the new library building but need to still install new meter. Once completed they can start moving in the new furniture. Estimated date is 3/11/24.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mayor Dabal advised that she spoke with Ray Dynes at the DPW and requested he replaces the American Flag outside of the Civic Center be replaced. She also stated they are going to remove the sign from the outside wall, refinish the wood border, replace the glass and put it back up.
- Mayor Dabal requested Acting Clerk, Frank Belli to order business cards for Councilman Graham.

- Councilman Graham advised everyone that Recreation is having an Easter event at the Wallington High School 3/24/24 2-4pm.
- Councilwoman Preinfalk requested DPW refinish the pump house façade next to the new library building and discussed the possibility of a new brick campaign.
- Councilwoman Ivanicki requested Acting Clerk Frank Belli to move forward with the purchase of a time clock for the DPW employees.
- Councilman Androwis advised that PSEG changed 2 light poles in town and a transformer on Harrison Avenue with little to no service interruptions.
- Councilwoman Balik explained that the Board of Health and Rent Leveling meetings were cancelled. The shade tree meeting was rescheduled to February 27th. The following DPW work was performed since January, 2024. Replaced 10 water meters, rebuild eight storm drains. There are many collapsed storm drains in the town. Numerous potholes were repaired. Rearranged file cabinets at the Borough Hall. Repaired water main break on Strong Street. Replaced outdated street signs. Assisted with loading items and has been ongoing sweeping the streets. Right now, the sweeper is winterized and parked on latex property so they can rearrange the DPW garage for snow events. Salted, plowed, shoveled through three snowstorms. One truck is out for repair and needs a new engine. We installed a few new garbage cans, cleaned up the sign by the pallet property. Once it's easy to access and safe, we will remove the sign. And Ray just wanted to let you guys know that we have the opportunity to receive 50 tons of salt for free from the last storm, but we don't have enough room to put it on the current salt shed and the approximate cost of that salt that we would get for free is 4,000. Okay and Sue, you asked about some of the stuff that was left behind in the old library. So, Ray said it's in storage and if the library ever needs it, it's stored properly.
- Jen Appice stated that she spoke to Robert Esposito from Bergen County Division of Community Development. Wallington was one of the only municipalities that received a grant, and the Borough will use it to replace the HVAC unit for 202 firehouse.
- The Mayor stated she attended a meeting with the Emergency Squad to inform them about the insurance mandated volunteer handbook and she also discussed that any potential alteration to the to any municipal owned building has to be discussed with the Borough Administrator and the construction official prior to construction. EMS Captain Ed DiGiorgi apologized on behalf of himself and President Fehl and stated that he should have informed them and will renovate the area asap.
- Mayor finished by discussing the changing traffic pattern around Jefferson Annex to alleviate the buildup of traffic on Paterson Avenue.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Dabal requested a motion for adjournment.

Councilwoman Balik motioned for adjournment of the meeting, seconded by Councilman Graham.

**ROLL CALL: AYE:** Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki, Androwis.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

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Frank Belli  
Acting Municipal Clerk