

**MINUTES
JULY 28, 2015**

The Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on the above date with Mayor McLaughlin presiding and Commissioners Bolan and McLoughlin answering the roll call. Also in attendance were the Borough Clerk and Police Chief.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. with a salute to the flag.

Mayor McLaughlin announced that the notice requirements of R.S. 10:4-18 had been satisfied by delivering the required notice to the Coaster, posting the notice on the board in Borough Hall and filing a copy of said notice with the Borough Clerk.

ORDINANCE #2015-13 – PUBLIC HEARING

Offered By: Mayor McLaughlin

Seconded By: Comm. McLoughlin

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2015-13

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS TO THE WELL POINT SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$950,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF ALLENHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

There was no response to Mayor McLaughlin's request for public comments or questions.

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

ORDINANCE #2015-14 – FIRST READING

Offered By: Mayor McLaughlin

Seconded By: Comm. McLoughlin

ORDINANCE # 2015-14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXVI (DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALLENHURST TO AMEND FEES.

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #1

A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY AND APPROVE MINUTES

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin

Seconded By: Comm. Bolan

BE IT RESOLVED, That the minutes of the regular meeting held July 14, 2015, be ratified and approved.

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #2

A RESOLUTION TO DISPENSE WITH READING OF MINUTES

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin

Seconded By: Comm. Bolan

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Clerk dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held July 14, 2015.

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #3

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin

Seconded By: Comm. Bolan

WHEREAS, Purchases were made for amounts over \$1,000.00 and it is the policy of the Borough that the Board of Commissioners approve or confirm said purchases; and;

WHEREAS, Funds shall be provided for various appropriations within the current account;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the following contracts are hereby confirmed:

Pilot Electric Co., - \$9,600.00 – various repairs to pool pumps

Oceanside Service - \$1,311.67 – repair air conditioning in Borough Hall

Joseph P. Tomaino - \$5,473.00 Architectural Services

Coast Cities Equipment - \$1,421.94 – repairs to garbage trucks

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #4

**A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE DEAL LAKE COMMISSION**

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin

Seconded By: Comm. Bolan

BE IT RESOLVED, That Anthony Mauro be appointed as an alternate representative to the Deal Lake Commission.

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #5

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BIKE RIDE

Offered By: Comm. Bolan

Seconded By: Comm. McLoughlin

WHEREAS, The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has requested permission to run a portion of their 5th Annual Cycle for Life bike ride through the Borough of Allenhurst on October 3, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has provided a parade route which will take the marathon down Ocean Avenue, starting at approximately 8:00 AM and a Certificate of Insurance for this event will be provided; and,

WHEREAS, The Police Captain has reviewed the information given for this event and has recommended approval of same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners, that approval is hereby given to The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to run a portion of 5th Annual Cycle for Life bike ride through Allenhurst on October 3, 2015, contingent upon the Borough receiving a Certificate of Insurance prior to the event.

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #6

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT

Offered By: Comm. Bolan

Seconded By: Comm. McLoughlin

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Allenhurst have adopted Ordinance #2015-07 concerning permits for special events; and,

WHEREAS, A permit has been filed by Marisa Caruso to sell merchandise from Dani Risi, an Allenhurst business, for one day at the Allenhurst Beach Club on Sunday, July 26, 2015, from 10AM to 4 PM; and,

WHEREAS, The Commissioners wish to waive the fee as the event will benefit the members of the Allenhurst Beach Club; and,

WHEREAS, The Chief of Police has reviewed the application and has no additional recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That a permit be granted, and is this day confirmed, to Marisa Caruso to sell merchandise from Dani Risi at the Allenhurst Beach Club on Sunday, July 26, 2015, from 10 AM to 4 PM.

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #7
A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT

The Commissioners discussed an application filed by Stephen Dweck to hold a block party on Corlies Avenue in August. The Chief did not recommend approving same as Corlies Avenue is the busiest road in Allenhurst during the summer months. The Commissioners agreed, stating they would consider an application for the park or an application after Labor Day.

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin

Seconded By: Comm. Bolan

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Allenhurst have adopted Ordinance #2015-07 concerning permits for special events; and,

WHEREAS, A permit application has been filed by Stephen Dweck for a block party on Corlies Avenue, between Norwood and Page Avenues on Sunday, August 16 or Sunday, August 23, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, The applicant has requested that a portion of Corlies Avenue be closed for the duration of the event; and,

WHEREAS, The Chief of Police has reviewed the application and recommends that it not be granted as Corlies Avenue is a major roadway with heavy traffic in the summer months;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the application for a Special Events Permit filed by Stephen Dweck for a block party on Corlies Avenue, between Norwood and Page Avenues on Sunday, August 16 or Sunday, August 23, 2015, be and the same is hereby denied.

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #8
A RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS & PAYROLL (7/16/15 - 7/31/15)

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin

Seconded By: Comm. Bolan

BE IT RESOLVED, That bills and payrolls totaling \$351,374.61 be approved for payment; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the July 28th consolidated bill list be attached hereto and made a part thereof.

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no response to Mayor McLaughlin's request for public comments.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Parking.

Chief Richter presented a memo to the Board of Commissioners outlining suggestions to ease the parking problems in town.

Mayor McLaughlin asked about towing the cars of those who are violating the 15 minute parking. It seems as if people are just paying the fines.

Chief Richter stated that towing is usually for hazardous conditions.

Mayor McLaughlin stated that New York does it.

Chief Richter suggested raising the fines.

Mayor McLaughlin stated if the Borough puts up the sign, that alone may deter people.

There was a brief discussion on making the east side of the 300 block of Main Street all 15 minute parking.

The Board also held a discussion on parking meters.

The Board decided they would place two 15 minute parking spaces in front of Serpicos two in front of Cravings and two more in front of the liquor store.

The Board again discussed meters at the train station, Centennial Park and the Allenhurst Avenue lot.

Chief Richter recommended a yearly parking pass of \$30 or \$40.

Comm. McLoughlin discussed overnight parking, stating homes east of Norwood Avenue should get one sticker to park on the street. All other vehicles must be parked in the driveway.

Chief Richter stated that Deal tried something similar and it was a nightmare.

Mayor McLaughlin stated parking on the street at night is ridiculous. He agrees there should be no parking between midnight and 6 AM. Everyone gets to park two cars on the street. If they need a third, they have to call the police department every night. They have to move on getting the cars off the street.

Chief Richter stated that east of Norwood might be manageable.

Comm. Bolan stated the fine should be increased anyhow to \$100.00.

Mrs. Copperthwaite asked why cars could not remain on the street and Mayor McLaughlin answered that it was a safety issue. Mrs. Copperthwaite asked if the thinking behind it was that if you park your car in the driveway at night, it will not be moved to the street during the day. Mayor McLaughlin stated that was right.

Comm. McLoughlin added that ABC members have been complaining that there is nowhere for them to park.

Chief Richter stated he had been urging people to park in their driveway through e-mails and a message on the board. It hasn't seemed to work.

Comm. McLoughlin suggested that an e-mail blast be sent out before an ordinance is adopted.

Comm. Bolan stated it is really for next summer. Maybe for the first week, warnings could be given out.

Mr. Scally questioned whether this will deter people, or will they just pay the fine.

Comm. McLoughlin asked if a court appearance was required, and Chief Richter answered no.

Chief Richter asked the Board whether they felt they should paint spaces for the teen blocks. It can be enforced, if someone is parked over the line.

Comm. McLoughlin stated he had no problem marking the teen block. He asked if a ticket can be written if someone is over the line. Chief Richter responded that it would be improper parking and a ticket could be written.

Comm. Bolan stated they would have to pass an ordinance. It is a good idea.

Chief Richter asked about metered parking at the beach and Comm. McLoughlin stated he was not in favor. People pay a lot for their membership. They should not have to pay for parking.

Chief Richter stated someone has painted an additional reserved spot at the ABC. Mayor McLaughlin stated it is a spot reserved for managers. Chief Richter stated he received a couple of complaints.

Mayor McLaughlin asked if the parking in front of the restaurant had been straightened out and Chief Richter responded, yes. He would recommend leaving the two handicapped spaces and they are all being utilized. Mayor McLaughlin suggested moving the two spaces on the south side of Allen Avenue to Ocean Place so that there are six handicapped spaces on Ocean Place.

Comm. Bolan left the meeting at 8:06 PM.

There was a discussion on three additional handicapped spaces on Main Street.

Speed Bump

The Board reviewed the reports from the radar placed in the 200 block of Spier Avenue.

Mrs. Copperthwaite stated that people slow down when they see the radar on the street.

Comm. McLoughlin suggested that the purchase of additional radar signs would be more effective than the purchase of speed bumps.

Mayor McLaughlin agreed, stating speed bumps have the effect of diverting traffic to another street. He would rather buy more radar signs.

Comm. McLoughlin asked if it was possible to record specific cars and Chief Richter answered no. It may not be legal in NJ.

Comm. McLoughlin asked the Chief if he has been able to use this radar to better crack down on enforcement.

Chief Richter stated that the department has issued 17 speed violations this month. There have also been a lot of Page Avenue stop sign tickets. Also, several pedestrian crossing tickets. For every ticket issued, there have probably been three warnings. Also, some tickets have been downgraded.

Mayor McLaughlin asked the Chief to e-mail the statistics on stop sign and U-turn violations. The feedback he has received from the end of June until now has been very positive. He suggested keeping the sign on Spier and maybe purchasing another. He would like to avoid the speed bumps.

Mr. Copperthwaite asked if the signs can be moved closer to Norwood and Page and Chief Richter stated there has to be a line of sight, but he will get them as close as he can.

Tim Moriarty stated if streets are going to be clear of cars, there will be traffic going down the street and around the speed bumps.

Comm. McLoughlin stated that between midnight and 6 AM, he didn't care if they went around the speed bumps.

Liquor Store

Mayor McLaughlin asked the Chief if there were any issues when the Commissioners expanded the hours for the liquor store. Chief Richter answered, "Not really."

Mayor McLaughlin stated they will put that temporary ordinance into effect permanently.

Lighting at ABC Restaurant

Mayor McLaughlin stated he just received a text from Karen Marzulli, stating they did not put shades on the lights at the bar. The Administrator was directed to hold the check for Joe Tomaino until this problem is resolved.

Public Works Issues

The Administrator was directed to have the following items completed by August 15th, whether in-house or by contract: the fallen tree in the park must be removed and the fence repaired, the municipal lot must be weeded and cleaned, the wall under the boardwalk must be painted and the streets must be swept.

The Board agreed to consider an ordinance to bond for a new street sweeper.

Other

Bob Scally stated that last year the Board of Commissioners was kind enough to adopt a resolution protesting dogs being used for testing. That bill is now in Committee. He thanked Allenhurst for starting the ball rolling.

Mr. Scally stated his opinion on the tennis court would be to put it on the south side of the park, instead of at the ballpark.

Mr. Scally also stated he received a letter from his insurance company regarding the wiring in his house. He has original nob and tube and they want him to upgrade it. He has to respond to them by August 17th. If the insurance company mandates it, he would like to be able to change it out.

Comm. McLoughlin stated if he needs an emergency, he can fill out the waiver request. If it is a true emergency, they will vote on it.

Mr. Moriarty stated the member party will be at the same time as the Cocalis wedding. With Mister C's open also, it will be difficult to find parking. He asked if the Commissioners were going to run the bus.

Mayor McLaughlin stated they would think about it.

Comm. McLoughlin stated a blast should be sent to members when there is an event and the bus is running.

There being no further business, Comm. McLoughlin moved, seconded by Mayor McLaughlin, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:36 PM. Motion carried.

Lori L. Osborn, RMC
Clerk-Administrator