

**MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2015**

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

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.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor McLaughlin proclaims the month of October as Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva Month.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP) is a rare genetic condition in which the body makes additional bone where bone should not form, such as within muscle, tendons, ligaments and other connective tissues. Symptoms of FOP include excruciating pain and distortion of the existing skeletal frame; and,

WHEREAS, Researchers at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine announced the discovery of the FOP gene in 2006 and are dedicated to FOP research; and,

WHEREAS, The symptoms of FOP usually begin in childhood, depriving children of normal development; and,

WHEREAS, There is a need for greater awareness of this disorder, its symptoms and the obstacles faced by persons and families affected by this disorder;

NOW THEREFORE, I, David J McLaughlin, Mayor of the Borough of Allenhurst, do hereby proclaim:

OCTOBER 2015
AS
FIBRODYSPLASIA OSSIFICANS PROGRESSIVA MONTH
IN THE BOROUGH OF ALLENHURST

ORDINANCE #2015-16 ADOPTED

Offered By: Mayor McLaughlin

Seconded By: Comm. McLoughlin

ORDINANCE #2015-16

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XIII
(SEWERS) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALLENHURST TO
ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO
MAINTENANCE OF SEWER SERVICE LINES**

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

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

ORDINANCE #2015-17 APPROVED

Offered By: Mayor McLaughlin

Seconded By: Comm. McLoughlin

ORDINANCE 2015-17

**AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE PARKING
ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF ALLENHURST.**

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 October 13, 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 October 13, 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:

Burke Construction - \$4,0000 – Bulldozing and excavating of outflow pipe

Joseph Tomaino, AIA - \$1,015 –Architectural services for ABC Restaurant (September)

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

RESOLUTION #4

**A RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR THE MONTMOUTH COUNTY TAX BOARD TO
SUSPEND THE MANDATORY ASSESSMENT DEMONSTRATION PILOT PROGRAM**

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin

Seconded By: Comm. Bolan

WHEREAS, In March 2013, Governor Christie signed into law P.L. 2013, Chapter 15 known as the Assessment Demonstration Pilot Program; and,

WHEREAS, Monmouth County elected to participate in this pilot program, and remains

the only County to do so; and,

WHEREAS, The Borough of Allenhurst was ordered by the Monmouth County Board of Taxation to implement the Assessment Demonstration Program; and,

WHEREAS, The program requires the Tax Assessor to annually perform a town-wide reassessment and mandates that 20% of the properties within a municipality be inspected annually so that 100% of all properties are inspected every five years; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has been vocal in opposition to the program, expressing that it did not fairly and accurately reflect market value, that it inappropriately interfered with local tax assessors and that it had a disproportionate adverse effect on residential and senior citizen property taxpayers; and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the order, the new revised assessments were certified by the County Tax Board for the 2015 tax year; and,

WHEREAS, Residents have reported significant fluctuations in their 2015 tax assessments as a result of this pilot program, and must make up the difference owed in only six months; and,

WHEREAS, The Asbury Park Press publishes an article dated October 14, 2015, railing numerous questions about the program; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners believes that a call for the suspension of the Monmouth County Tax Assessment Demonstration Pilot program is in the best interest of the taxpayers of Allenhurst;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of commissioners of the Borough of Allenhurst formally call for the suspension of the Monmouth County Tax Assessment Demonstration Pilot program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution shall be provided to each of the following:

1. Monmouth County Board of Freeholders
2. Monmouth County Tax Board
3. 11th Legislative District

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

RESOLUTION #5
A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR
TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND GRANT

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin

Seconded By: Comm. Bolan

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation has notified all municipalities of the availability of funding under the Transportation Trust Fund Municipal Aid Program for the Fiscal Year 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Allenhurst is desirous of submitting an application under this program for the following purpose:

- Improvements to Cedar Avenue from Lake Drive to Atlantic Oceanfront

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Commissioners of Allenhurst, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Engineer, Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2016-Cedar Avenue - 00561 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Allenhurst; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Allenhurst and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

RESOLUTION #6

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE RACE IN BOROUGH OF ALLENHURST

Offered By: Comm. Bolan

Seconded By: Comm. McLoughlin

WHEREAS, The Special Olympics New Jersey and the Jersey Shore Running Club have requested permission to run a portion of their annual RunAPalooza Race to Benefit Special Olympics through the Borough of Allenhurst on Saturday, April 16, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, A parade route has been provided which will take the marathon down Ocean Avenue, starting at approximately 9:00 AM and ending at approximately Noon and a Certificate of Insurance for this event will be provided; and,

WHEREAS, The Police Chief 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 Special Olympics New Jersey and the Jersey Shore Running Club to run a portion of their annual RunAPalooza through Allenhurst on April 16, 2016, contingent upon the Borough receiving a Certificate of Insurance prior to the event.

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

RESOLUTION #7

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MARATHON IN BOROUGH OF ALLENHURST

Offered By: Comm. Bolan

Seconded By: Comm. McLoughlin

WHEREAS, Life Time Media & Events and the Novo Nordisk New Jersey Marathon and Half Marathon have requested permission to run a portion of their annual marathon through the Borough of Allenhurst on Sunday, May 1, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, A parade route has been provided, which will take the marathon down Ocean Avenue, starting at approximately 7:30 AM and ending at approximately 11:30 AM and a Certificate of Insurance for this event will be provided; and,

WHEREAS, The Police Chief 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 Life Time Media & Events and the Novo Nordisk New Jersey Marathon and Half Marathon to run a portion of their marathon through Allenhurst on May 1, 2016, contingent upon the Borough receiving a Certificate of Insurance prior to the event.

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

RESOLUTION #8

A RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS & PAYROLL (10/01/15 - 10/15/15)

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin

Seconded By: Comm. Bolan

BE IT RESOLVED, That bills and payrolls totaling \$249,126.18 be approved for payment; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the October 13th consolidated bill list be attached hereto and made a part thereof.

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

OTHER ITEMS

Mayor McLaughlin stated there is a house on Norwood that was putting up storm shades. He spoke to the Zoning Officer about it and Mr. Rogers told him it was a construction requirement on new houses to have either hurricane proof windows or to put shades on those windows during hurricane season.

Ms. Osborn, Borough Administrator, stated she spoke to the Planning Board Attorney. He told her that they are in violation of the Historic Preservation Ordinance and should be given a violation. Ms. Osborn stated that she had planned to speak to the Construction Official to find out what the requirement is and then she will speak to the Borough Attorney. She will let the Board know her findings.

The Board discussed various punch list items for the restaurant building. Comm. Bolan stated he wanted to add that the bottom of the stairs needs either a motion light or light switch. Also the light in the lobby cannot be dimmed either. It may be tied into the emergency lights also. He talked about replacing the canopy above the door with an awning which would go down the stairs to create a tunnel effect.

Mayor McLaughlin asked the Administrator to get in touch with John Reng regarding business signs to be placed on Ocean Avenue on both the north and south-bound sides. They also want a sign at Borough Hall pointing to the business district.

Mayor McLaughlin asked that the camera at the cabanas be made functional.

Trish McLoughlin from Allenhurst First Aid spoke about the need for a lift for the new rescue truck. It is something that is going to be mandatory on new purchases, but after seeing how it could help the members, they would like to purchase one now. The cost is \$21,000, which can be paid with an interest-free loan over five years.

The Commissioners agreed to the purchase and Comm. Bolan asked the First Aid Squad to talk to Interlaken and Loch Arbour regarding the necessity for this purchase. The Borough will also send letters asking them to place it in their budgets.

There was a short discussion on projects at the Beach Club and Ms. Osborn stated she is scheduling a meeting with the Borough Engineer. The Commissioners asked that Mr. Caron, Public Works Superintendent, be present at the next meeting to discuss the projects.

PUBLIC HEARING

Robert Scally stated it was nice to see the First Aid Squad there. They do a good job. A lot of them are families of former residents. He stated New Jersey Transit is putting in new rail crossings which are nice and smooth. He asked if the Borough could get one.

Mayor McLaughlin stated he did not notice that the crossing in Allenhurst was not smooth. He stated it couldn't hurt to ask.

At this point, Comm. Bolan left the meeting.

Tim Moriarty asked why the wall around the Beach Club wasn't solid. Comm. McLoughlin stated it was built in 1936. He doesn't know why. Mayor McLaughlin stated they will have their Engineer look at it. Replacing it with a new cement wall might be better. Comm. McLoughlin stated it might also be very expensive.

Mr. Moriarty asked what will be done with the bus. Mayor McLaughlin stated they will either repair it or try to get a used bus. Comm. McLoughlin stated they bought the bus for \$2,000 and it will cost upwards of \$6,000 to fix it. They will probably get a used bus. Mayor McLaughlin stated that they can get other estimates on the bus. It might be better to fix something they know rather than purchase a used bus that may not work so well.

Mr. Moriarty stated the Beach Club Manager, Wynn comes in to speak to the Commissioners in caucus and the members don't know what is going on. He stated problems are swept under the rug.

Mayor McLaughlin disagreed, stating problems are not swept under the rug. Mr. Moriarty may not know the outcome, but it should not be his concern. Mayor McLaughlin stated he is tired of hearing second-hand information which spreads around the Club and in most cases, is

not even true. If someone has a problem, he would like to hear it directly from that person, so that things are not blown out of proportion or misconstrued.

Mr. Moriarty asked if there were any plans to change the second floor of the restaurant since it is not being used. Mayor McLaughlin responded, no. It is very hot and breezy up there and people are just not using it. At 3 or 4 PM, people do go up there for a cocktail.

Mr. Moriarty asked if the bandstand will be rebuilt and Mayor McLaughlin stated it would be. Comm. McLoughlin asked if they were still going to connect the north and south decks.

There being no further comments or any further business, Comm. McLoughlin moved, seconded by Mayor McLaughlin, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 PM. Motion carried.

Lori L. Osborn, RMC
Clerk-Administrator