

**MINUTES**  
**September 26, 2017**

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

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 Acting Borough Clerk.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Resolution from Borough of Bradley Beach supporting the construction of a Monmouth County Recycling Facility.

Correspondence from NJ Office of the Attorney General for “Safe Care Cam” program to protect elderly and disabled New Jerseyans.

Resolution No. 216 from the New Jersey General Assembly encouraging NJ homeowners to plant native plants that support bee populations and create habitat for all pollinators.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Halloween Parade will be held October 21<sup>st</sup>

The Borough will hold its annual scarecrow contest. Check the Borough website for details.

Meeting change from October 10<sup>th</sup> to October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**ORDINANCES FIRST READING**

**ORDINANCE #2017-13 Bond Ordinance – First Reading**

Offered By: Mayor McLaughlin

Seconded By: Comm. McLoughlin

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2017-13**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO RAILROAD PLAZA PARK, APPROPRIATING \$400,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$275,000 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**

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION #2017-221**

**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 August 22, 2017, be ratified and approved.

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

**RESOLUTION #2017-222**

**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 August 22, 2017.

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

**RESOLUTION #2017-223**  
**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND APPLICATION**

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 2018; 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 Acting Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2018-Cedar Avenue - 00213 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Allenhurst; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Acting 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 #2017-224**  
**A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ALTERNATE PROSECUTORS**

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin

Seconded By: Comm. Bolan

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the following officials of the Borough of Allenhurst are hereby appointed Alternate Prosecutors effective September 26, 2017, through December 31, 2017:

Michael J. Lynch  
Sean Kean  
Jason Shamy  
Susan DeSimone  
Paul Granick  
Brian Wilton

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

**RESOLUTION #2017-225**  
**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin

Seconded By: Comm. Bolan

**WHEREAS**, State law permits the exclusion of public in certain circumstances; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Allenhurst finds that such circumstances currently exist; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Commissioners will make public, minutes of the closed session when confidentiality no longer exists;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners that they are hereby authorized to enter into closed session to discuss legal/contractual matters which are exempt from the public meeting under the Sunshine Law.

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

**RESOLUTION #2017-226**  
**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND CHIEF OF POLICE SALARY**

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin                      Seconded By: Comm. Bolan

**WHEREAS**, Robert Richter, retired from municipal employment on June 30, 2017; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Commissioners has determined to make an appointment to the position of Chief of Police; and

**WHEREAS**, Borough of Allenhurst Resolution 2017-196 – “A Resolution to Appoint Chief of Police” did not include the salaries of Chief of Police Michael Schneider for the Department of OEM and Breathalyzer Certification;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Allenhurst, as follows:

Michael Schneider, be and he is hereby appointed Chief of Police July 1, 2017 thru December 31, 2017, at an annual salary of \$129,500, which includes Department of OEM and Breathalyzer Certification.

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

**RESOLUTION #2017-227**  
**A RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM OCTOBER 10, 2017 – PUT THE BRAKES ON FATALITIES DAY**

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin                      Seconded By: Comm. Bolan

**WHEREAS**, Across the nation, traffic crashes caused 35,092 fatalities in 2015, and are the leading cause of death for young people ages 15 to 34; and,

**WHEREAS**, In New Jersey, 603 individuals lost their lives in traffic crashes in 2016; and,

**WHEREAS**, Pedestrian-related crashes accounted for 27.5 percent of the State’s traffic fatalities, while 19 percent of all fatal crashes involved a distracted driver; and,

**WHEREAS**, Motorcyclists, bicycle riders and pedestrians face increased risks on New Jersey’s roadways, as people opt for alternative modes of transportation; and, **WHEREAS**, 66 motorcyclists, 18 bicyclists and 166 pedestrians were killed in New Jersey in traffic-related crashes in 2016; and,

**WHEREAS**, Safer driving behaviors such as buckling up, every ride; obeying posted speed limits; stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks and using crosswalks when walking; avoiding aggressive driving behaviors; never driving impaired; wearing proper safety gear while riding a motorcycle or bicycle; and, focusing solely on driving by avoiding distractions, can dramatically reduce the number of traffic-related injuries and deaths;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Allenhurst that October 10, 2017 be proclaimed Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day®, and call upon everyone to put these lifesaving behaviors into practice to improve safety on the roadways in our community and through the State.

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

**RESOLUTION # 2017-227**  
**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BILLS & PAYROLL (9/15/2017-9/30/2017)**

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin

Seconded By: Comm. Bolan

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That bills and payrolls totaling \$141,720.51 be approved for payment; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the September 30, 2017 consolidated bill list be attached hereto and made a part thereof.

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

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

There was a brief discussion on the Diagnostic Meeting held today with NJ Transit and the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Mayor, Commissioner McLoughlin, the Borough Administrator and the Borough Engineer about the Allen Avenue crossing. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possible closing of the Allen Avenue Crossing. The Mayor stressed that there has not been a final ruling yet and that the Borough is totally against the closing and is working diligently to oppose it. The DOT's rationale for closing the crossing is due to costs as it costs approximately a half a million dollars to upgrade a crossing and the state has limited budgets. The DOT/NJ Transit will be informing the Borough in about a month about their recommendations whether or not it should be closed. If the recommendation is to close, the Borough will have 30 days to submit their appeal to the Commissioner of Transportation. The Mayor stated that the Borough has asked Congressman Pallone and Senator Beck to assist in the appeal.

Bob Scally asked how the Borough will appeal. The Mayor stated that we will send reports from the Borough's police chief and fire chief. The Borough Engineer will also assist in the process.

Donna Clauss, asked if the crossing was to close what would be put up as a barricade. The Borough Administrator/Acting Clerk stated that the Borough has requested the DOT to send pictures from other towns that have had crossing closed to get ideas of what the Borough can request. The Borough told the DOT it would have to be aesthetically pleasing and fit in with the landscape of the town. The DOT said they could put up a barricade and line it with trees.

Bob Scally asked if the Borough had any plans to replace the boardwalk with TREX boards. The Mayor stated there are no plans to do that and the Borough has not had any complaints.

There being no further business or comments, Commissioner McLoughlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Bolan that the meeting move to executive session at 7:45 PM. Motion carried.

After reconvening, Commissioner McLoughlin moved, seconded by Mayor McLaughlin that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 PM. Motion carried.

Donna M. Campagna  
Acting Borough Clerk/Administrator