

**MINUTES**  
**April 23, 2019**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #2019-112**

**A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY AND APPROVE MINUTES**

Offered By: Comm. Bolan

Seconded By: Comm. McLoughlin

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the minutes of the regular meeting of April 9, 2019 be ratified and approved.

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

**RESOLUTION #2019-113**

**A RESOLUTION TO DISPENSE WITH READING OF MINUTES**

Offered By: Comm. Bolan

Seconded By: Comm. McLoughlin

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Clerk dispense with the reading of the minutes of the special meeting of April 9, 2019.

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

**RESOLUTION #2019-114**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SUMMER HOURS**

Offered By: Comm. Bolan

Seconded By: Comm. McLoughlin

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the following schedule of summer hours for Borough Hall shall become effective Friday, May 24, 2019 and terminate effective Tuesday, September 3, 2019:

Monday - Thursday

8 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday

8 AM - 2:00 PM

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

**RESOLUTION #2019-115**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MEMBER IN ALLENHURST FIRE  
DEPARTMENT/FIRST AID SQUAD**

Offered By: Comm. Bolan

Seconded By: Comm. McLoughlin

**WHEREAS**, The Membership Committee of Allenhurst First Aid Squad has received applications for membership from Ashley Policastro, Sophia Reddy, and Elizabeth O'Grady; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Membership Committee has advised the Board of Commissioners that Ashley Policastro, Sophia Reddy, and Elizabeth O'Grady are acceptable for membership;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That Ashley Policastro, Sophia Reddy, and Elizabeth O'Grady are approved for membership in Allenhurst First Aid Squad, pending a criminal history check; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized to

execute the necessary paperwork on behalf of the aforementioned applicants.

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

**RESOLUTION #2019-116**  
**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SALARIES FOR 2019**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the following salaries be and are hereby approved for officials and employees of the Borough of Allenhurst effective May1, 2019:

<u>Public Works</u>	
Douglas Gatta	\$34,320.00

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

**RESOLUTION #2019-117**  
**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS**

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

**WHEREAS**, An emergency has arisen with respect to operating expenses in various departments, and no adequate provision was made in the 2019 temporary budget for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of emergency temporary appropriations for the purpose above mentioned; and,

**WHEREAS**, The total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2019 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$121,167.45;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, (not less than two-thirds of all the members of the governing body affirmatively concurring), that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. Emergency appropriations be and the same are hereby made for the following:

1. Admin S/W	\$4,535.00
2. Admin O/E	\$1,110.00
3. Finance S/W	\$649.00
4. Finance O/E	\$70.00
5. Assessor P/T	\$253.00
6. Planning Bd O/E	\$2,395.00
7. Code P/T	\$625.00
8. Group Ins.	\$2,022.00
9. Police O/E	\$883.00
10. Mayor P/T	\$73.00
11. Prosecutor P/T	\$39.00
12. Bd. of Ed S/W	\$1,398.00
13. Celebration O/E	\$255.00
14. DPW S/W	\$7,004.00
15. Public Bdlgs	\$987.00
16. Parks	\$931.00
17. Beach O/E	\$843.00
18. Street Lighting	\$85.00
19. Telephone	\$1,279.00
20. DCRP	\$190.00
21. Munc Court S/W	\$3,772.00
22. Munc O/E	\$70.00
23. Sewer S/W	\$4,760.00
24. Sewer O/E	\$312.00

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2019 budget under the above-mentioned titles.

3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Finance.

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

**RESOLUTION #2019-118**

## **A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM PURCHASES**

Offered By: Comm. Bolan

Seconded By: Comm. McLoughlin

**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;

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

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| 1. Oaktree Sheds & Gazebos | \$3,378.00 | Tables/Chairs for ABC                              |
| 2. Billows Electric        | \$7,708.00 | Street Light Poles/Parts<br>Telecommunication Wire |
| 3. Hunter Technologies     | \$3,387.54 | Storage Clean up                                   |

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

## **RESOLUTION #2019-119**

### **A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Offered By: Comm. Bolan

Seconded By: Comm. McLoughlin

**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 #2019-120**

### **A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BILLS & PAYROLL (4/16/2019 to 4/30/2019)**

Offered By: Comm. Bolan

Seconded By: Comm. McLoughlin

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That bills and payrolls totaling \$ 257,491.34 be approved for payment; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That, the April 30, 2019 consolidated bill list be attached hereto and made a part thereof.

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

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Alex Arnold, from the offices of Congressman Frank Pallone, gave the following statement:

“My name is Alex Arnold and I am a district representative from Congressman Frank Pallone’s office. The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) in 2017 upgraded two railroad crossings. A third railroad crossing on Allen Ave was set to close permanently if the borough did not find funding to pay for the initial cost of upgrading the crossing and the cost of yearly maintenance.

In addition to the traffic problems this closing would present, the Congressman has serious concerns for pedestrian safety especially during the busy summer months. The Congressman and his staff, along with Senator Vin Gopal have been working with Mayor McLaughlin, Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti with the NJDOT, and Governor Phil Murphy’s office over the last year to resolve this issue. We have asked the NJDOT for two specific action items. First, we have asked that NJDOT allow for more time on a final decision, so the Borough can settle the JCP&L Redevelopment Zone proposal and a proper assessment of increased traffic in the summer can be completed. Second, we have asked the NJDOT to reconsider funding all or part of the necessary upgrades and yearly maintenance as they have with the other two crossings already completed.

Congressman Pallone will continue to work closely with Mayor McLaughlin and the Board of Commissioners on this important issue.”

Mayor McLaughlin further recapped the events of the railroad crossing closing. The NJDOT sent a letter with the upgrade costs the Borough would have to incur to keep the crossing open. The costs were \$893,000 plus our soft costs which would bring the total cost up to \$1 million. The Borough would also have to pay the yearly maintenance costs. The Borough does not agree that we should have to incur the costs. The Governor is aware of the issue and is reviewing the matter. The Borough is working with the Governor, Congressman Pallone and Senator Gopal for a possible solution.

#### **PRESENTATION OF TRAFFIC STUDY**

Presentation by Peter Avakian, Borough Engineer, on the traffic study that was conducted by Dynamic Traffic. See attached transcript.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

See Transcript

There being no further business or comments, Commissioner McLoughlin moved, seconded by Comm. Bolan that the meeting move to executive session at 8:30PM. Motion carried.

After reconvening, Commissioner McLoughlin moved, seconded by Comm. Bolan that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00PM. Motion carried.

Donna M. Campagna, RMC  
Borough Clerk/Administrator