

MINUTES
December 13, 2022

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2022-218

A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY AND APPROVE MINUTES

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin Seconded By: Comm. Cumiskey

BE IT RESOLVED, That the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 29, 2022 be ratified and approved.

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

RESOLUTION #2022-219

A RESOLUTION TO DISPENSE WITH READING OF MINUTES

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin Seconded By: Comm. Cumiskey

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Clerk dispense with the reading of the Special Meeting of November 29, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION #2022-220

A RESOLUTION TO HIRE CLASS II OFFICERS

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin Seconded By: Comm. Cumiskey

WHEREAS, There is a need for a Class II special police officers on an as-needed basis; and,

WHEREAS, Collin Nichols and Tucker Nichols have applied to the Monmouth County Police Academy to take the Basic Course for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers; and,

WHEREAS, Trainees must be appointed as Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers prior to enrollment, and the Chief of Police has recommended the hiring of Collin Nichols and Tucker Nichols as a Class II Special Officers on an as-needed basis; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Allenhurst that Collin Nichols and Tucker Nichols are hereby appointed as a Class II Officer effective January 1, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said provisional appointment be compensated at an hourly rate of \$16.25 per hour.

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

RESOLUTION #2022-221

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FIRE AND FIRST AID APPOINTMENTS

Offered By: Seconded By:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following duly elected, named members of the Allenhurst Fire Company #1 and First Aid Squad be granted municipal approval for the positions indicated, for the year 2023:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Michael Powers

Chief

David Belhassen
Kyle Ebbets
Frank Manfredit
Rutledge Varley
Dan Gulick

1st Assistant Chief
2nd Assistant Chief
Captain
Lieutenant
Chief Engineer

FIRST AID SQUAD
Carla Ward
Patricia McLoughlin
Robert Todd

Captain
Lieutenant
Fire Police

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

RESOLUTION #2022-222
A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT WITH DEP FOR STORM DAMAGE REDUCTION PROJECT

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin Seconded By: Comm. Cumiskey

WHEREAS, a contract between the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Allenhurst, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey and The Department of Environmental Protection for construction of the Sandy Hook to Barneget Inlets Section I – Sea Bright to Ocean Township, New Jersey Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Project Fifth Partial Renourishment Cycle, Project Number 6072-MB-R5-20 was executed on July 26, 2022 in the amount of \$121,137.09.

WHEREAS, Funds for this purpose shall be provided through the Beach O & E (1-01-28-797-000), and the CFO has so certified;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Treasurer, State of New Jersey. be compensated in the amount of \$121,137.09 for construction of the Sandy Hook to Barneget Inlets Section I – Sea Bright to Ocean Township, New Jersey Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Project Fifth Partial Renourishment Cycle, Project Number 6072-MB-R5-20.

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

RESOLUTION #2022-223
A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin Seconded By: Comm. Cumiskey

BE IT RESOLVED, That Judge Paul J. Capotorto be and he is hereby appointed Municipal Court Judge for the Borough of Allenhurst for a three-year term commencing on January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION #2022-224
A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin Seconded By: Comm. Cumiskey

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following 2022 appropriations be transferred:

Current Fund		To		From
Tax Collector - Other Expenses			\$	(2,000.00)
Tax Appeals - Other Expenses				(5,000.00)
Planning Board - Other Expenses				(4,100.00)
Code Enforcement - Other Expenses	\$	10,000.00		
Health Benefit Waivers - Salary & Wages		1,100.00		
Fire - Other Expenses		11,000.00		
Municipal Prosecutor - Other Expenses				(5,000.00)
Recycling - Other Expenses				(6,000.00)

Total Current Fund Transfers		\$	22,100.00	\$	(22,100.00)

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

RESOLUTION #2022-225
A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BIKE RIDE

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin Seconded By: Comm. Cumiskey

WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has requested permission to run their “Coast to Coast” Bike Tour through the Borough of Allenhurst on Saturday May 13, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has provided a parade route which is on file in the Borough Clerk’s Office and a Certificate of Insurance 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 National Multiple Sclerosis Society to run their Bike Tour through Allenhurst on Saturday May 13, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION #2022-226
A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin Seconded By: Comm. Cumiskey

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. Cumiskey-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #2022-227
A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BILLS (11-30-2022 to 12-13-2022)

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin Seconded By: Comm. Cumiskey

BE IT RESOLVED, That bills totaling \$254,801.63 be approved for payment; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the December 13, 2022 consolidated bill list be attached hereto and made a part thereof.

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

ITEMS TO DISCUSS

The Mayor thanked the Public Works Department and the Fire/EMS for the wonderful job on the tree lighting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Prior to opening the meeting to public comments, the Mayor discussed the rumors that have been circulating regarding the Borough Dispatch services, although not on the agenda.

In summary, he stated that he was alerted to issues with the current communications systems utilized by the Borough over the summer. The Fire Chief had advised him that the radios were not reliable creating potential problems for the Fire and EMS personnel, including an incident where the radios did not work and he could not communication with the firefighters during a house fire.

The Mayor stated he then tasked the Police Chief to research solutions. The Borough is currently gathering information on options. The two which are ultimately being considered are upgrading

our current infrastructure or entering into a shared serviced agreement with Monmouth County for dispatch services.

The Police Chief also spoke of his efforts to obtain information on replacing our current infrastructure, which would involve a new tower and radios. The time frames presented for such upgrades are from 6 months to a year, with no guarantee. The County can begin to provide the services as soon as the first quarter of 2022 and has state of the art equipment that the Borough would not be able to obtain on their own.

The chief clarified that 911 calls have always been routed through the county. The county currently contacts our dispatch desk, and the officers are notified. Resident can also currently call our dispatchers directly at 732-531-2255.

Both the Mayor and he Police Chief emphasized that no decision has been made, no agreement has been entered into. The options are still being evaluated.

During the public comment period residents expressed concern regarding several issues including:

- The current compensation of Borough dispatch and police personnel in comparison to neighboring towns
- The lack of communication between the Borough and the residents regarding this issue, and other issues.
- The concern that the Police Headquarters will not have personnel present 24 hours a day and the impact that would have on residents when they need assistance.

Several residents offered assistance to the Borough for procuring new equipment. The Mayor welcomed the sentiment, and stated that anyone who has input should contact him or the Borough Administrator. He also explained that government purchasing of goods and services is governed by rules and regulations and that the equipment required is not something that can be purchased from an average vendor.

The Board of Commissioners advised that they will keep the public informed on this issue going forward. A summary of the content of this meeting will be sent via eblast to all subscribing residents. When there is new information, the public will be welcomed at a meeting to give their input.

The Fire Chief spoke about the Santa Run which will be held on December 17 and where and when to drop the gifts so your child can be included. He also spoke of the new fire truck that is on order. He advised that residents can view information about the progress of the truck on the Fire Department Facebook and Instagram.

There being no further business or comments, Comm. McLoughlin moved, seconded by Comm. Cumiskey that the meeting move to executive session at 8:10 PM. Motion carried.

After reconvening, Comm. McLoughlin moved, seconded by Comm. Cumiskey that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 PM. Motion carried

Donna M. Campagna

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Administrator/Clerk