

**MINUTES
AUGUST 26, 21014**

The Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on the above date with Mayor McLaughlin presiding and Commissioner Bolan answering the roll call. Also in attendance were the Borough Clerk, Borough Attorney, Public Works Superintendent, Ptl. Mike DiBona, and Fire Chief Mike Powers. Comm. McLoughlin was absent.

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

Resolution from Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders supporting the taking of any and all action to prevent access by undocumented immigrants including undocumented minors into our Country.

Notice from NJ Natural Gas of public hearings concerning various petitions.

RESOLUTION #1

A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY AND APPROVE MINUTES

Offered By: Comm. Bolan

Seconded By: Mayor McLaughlin

BE IT RESOLVED, That the minutes of the regular meeting held August 12, 2014, be ratified and approved.

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

RESOLUTION #2

A RESOLUTION TO DISPENSE WITH READING OF MINUTES

Offered By: Comm. Bolan

Seconded By: Mayor McLaughlin

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Clerk dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held August 12, 2014.

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

RESOLUTION #3

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM PURCHASES

Offered By: Comm. Bolan

Seconded By: Mayor McLaughlin

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 for these purposes are provided for in various accounts within the current budget, and the CFO has so certified; and,

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

Davis Equipment Sales – Parts for beach rake - \$1,020.19

Roy Childers, dba Crabnet - \$2,350.00 – 2014 ABC network and upgrades

Home Depot – Materials and supplies for ABC - \$4,030.28

Shore Awning – Deck Tent - \$3,800.00

Shore Awning – Security Tent – 3,200.00

R Sullivan Electric – Improvements to Main Street Park - 3,550.00

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

A RESOLUTION TO HIRE SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

Seconded By: Mayor McLaughlin

Lifeguards

Amanda Costanzo \$10.00/hr.

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

Seconded By: Mayor McLaughlin

Carla M. Ward

RESOLUTION #7

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LEGAL AND CONTRACTUAL CAUCUS

Offered By: Comm. Bolan

Seconded By: Mayor McLaughlin

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 and contractual matters which are exempt from the public meeting under the Sunshine Law.

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

RESOLUTION #8

A RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS & PAYROLL (08/16/14 - 08/31/14)

Offered By: Comm. Bolan

Seconded By: Mayor McLaughlin

BE IT RESOLVED, That bills and payrolls totaling \$312,816.14 be approved for payment; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the August 26th consolidated bill list be attached hereto and made a part thereof.

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

GRANTS

Ed Foley, a member of the Allenhurst Fire Department, stated that the Department received a micro-grant for \$25,000. This will allow them to purchase five new Scott packs and masks. They have also made an agreement with Deal, who also received a grant to take their old tanks. Their tanks still have a five year life and Allenhurst will be able to use them. This will save them \$1,700 a bottle and they are getting 36 bottles.

Mr. Foley went on to talk about other grants, including a SAFER grant which will allow for the recruitment and hiring of volunteers. This is a two-year grant and will cover all salary expenses, including health benefits and pension costs. There are some criteria that would have to be met.

With the beach expansion, Allenhurst becomes a high priority for equipment. There is a grant with a \$150,000 cap which can be used for training, equipment, etc. He was talking to Ms. Osborn about using this for the ambulance, but it will be 2016 before it is awarded and another eight months to build an ambulance, so this may be better for other equipment.

Mr. Foley stated that since 2013, the Fire Department has received \$62,352 in grants and purchased the following equipment:

Rescue Truck	Repair of jet skis
Rescue equipment	Retrofitting wet suits
Water skid	Dry suits for divers
New thermal imaging camera	

Since 1991, the Department has raised \$249,906.00 in donations.

Comm. Bolan thanked the Department and stated that maybe they should do a similar presentation for Interlaken and Loch Arbour. It would be good to let them know as well.

Ptl. Mike DiBona stated that the Police Department is involved in a program called LESO,

(Law Enforcement Support Office). They have had access to military equipment and since July 1st have procured the following:

2 trooper carrier trucks	3 Hum Vees
Forklift	Trailers
Generators	Pumps
TVs	Sleeping bags
A Unimog	Tractor with a trailer
2 dump trucks	

Doug Caron, Public Works Superintendent, stated that it has been in the news that the Federal government is giving away equipment. People were concerned that the towns would become militarized. From his point of view, they now have equipment that will help them carry the cabanas off the beach and put up the dunes. They will have equipment that will pump out the sewer pits in case of a power outage and will have generators in case of emergencies. Every piece of equipment that they got, they will be able to use. Mike has put a lot of time and effort into this program and has done a great job. He thanked him on behalf of the Public Works Department.

Mike Power, Fire Chief, also thanked Mike for his diligence in securing equipment they will be able to use.

Mayor McLaughlin also thanked Ptl. DiBona for a great job. The bad snowstorm we had in 2010 would be a cake walk now with this new equipment.

PUBLIC HEARING ON OPEN SPACE GRANT APPLICATION

Ms. Osborn stated the Borough is applying for an Open Space Grant to construct a park and make some improvements at the east end of Allen Avenue. This grant will include:

1. Public beach access stairs and ramp
2. Repair of the damaged seawall
3. Concrete patio
4. Recreation components
5. Benches
6. Plantings and landscaping.

The idea is to take out the street at the far eastern end and make it an area for passive recreation. This will reduce the traffic that comes down and has to make a k-turn to get back out. This will also provide another means of egress to the beach. The Borough is asking for \$200,000 and will have to match that amount for the project. The Borough will also be responsible for all of the soft costs associated with the project.

Tim Moriarty asked about the parking on Allen Avenue. Comm. Bolan stated they could lose some spaces, but there were not many there to begin with. The Borough still uses the bus, the “SS Allenhurst” to pick people up and bring them to the beach and in the evening when the Club is closed, the patrons of restaurant will have ample parking.

Mr. Moriarty stated that another security guard would have to be posted there and Comm. Bolan commented that now, people climb down or go over private property to get to the beach. Security would be a good idea anyway. It would also be helpful for Loch Arbour residents to get to the restaurant.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING

Mrs. Scally stated that the tenants adjacent to them have unkempt trash with litter and food coming onto their property. They have built-up recycling. It is adjacent to their kitchen window. Doug has been excellent and has spoken to the tenants. He cleaned up and took all of the cardboard. Bob Simmen has also been there. It stays good for a day or two and then it starts again. If this continues, what channels can they go through?

Mayor McLaughlin stated they can be given a summons. The property owner can receive a summons.

Mr. Caron states the problem is that they don't have enough trash cans and use plastic bags.

Ms. Osborn states that plastic bags are allowed by ordinance.

Comm. Bolan stated that if the garbage is put in bags and the bags are broken open by animals, it is still the property owner's responsibility to clean it.

There being no further comments or any further business, the meeting adjourned to caucus.

After reconvening, Comm. Bolan moved, seconded by Mayor McLaughlin that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM.

Lori L. Osborn, RMC
Clerk-Administrator