

BOROUGH HALL REPORT

Sewers

The April 22nd public hearing on sewer progress to date brought out more than 100 residents to the high school auditorium. Most of the 30 or so who spoke up lived in un-sewered areas and many told of serious problems. They urged that the balance of the borough be sewerred in the next stage and that the work start as soon as possible.

Mayor Merz began the meeting by summarizing the history of the area's sewer program (launched in 1950 with a study commissioned by the County Board of Freeholders). He repeated what has been stressed on numerous occasions recently, that about 60% of the borough is now sewerred with expenditures of approximately 40% of the total estimated cost. Use of the Sewer Authority trunk lines and close spacing of in-town homes have accounted for this. (See map herein.) Conversely, the remaining work will be proportionately more costly.

Cliff Gold, of the firm of Manganaro, Martin & Lincoln, Allendale's sewer consultants, documented the economics with figures based on completing the balance of the borough in one more step. (See tabulation, herein.)

Other facts brought out by Mr. Gold and the Mayor: Term of the sewer bond issue would be 20-25 years. The largest portion of the annual operating costs is interest and repayment on indebtedness. There is no repayment charge in 1970, so three bills, not four, will suffice this year. Since the sewer charges are included with the water bills, all who are "sewerred" (whether or not they are connected) will be paying on a quarterly basis, beginning in April, May or June as their water bills normally fall due. Those who are not sewerred will be paying an average of \$15 yearly through real estate taxes; this is based on the fact that the presently-installed system benefits the entire borough (i.e., schools).

Additional sewer data

Final date for connection has been moved to July 1,

since unfavorable weather precluded work prior to the original April 1 deadline.

We still have a few disruptions in the borough streets, as you may have noticed in the central area. It's due to the Ramsey-Allendale Interceptor Sewer, built to serve the many properties in and on the sides of the Allendale Brook basin. Theoretically, Allendale pays about 38% of the total cost of this sewer (with Ramsey contributing the other 62%), but state and federal governments are expected to provide at least 30% of the total so Allendale's share will be somewhere around \$100,000.

At the other end of the system is one of the most modern sewage treatment plants in the country, designed to receive 8.5 million gallons of raw sewage daily (presently, only about one million are handled) from Allendale, Ramsey, Wyckoff, Ho-Ho-Kus, Midland Park and Waldwick. It's located in the Ho-Ho-Kus Brook gorge, just west of the Erie tracks. Filters, settling basins, pumps, skimmers, aeration tanks and a chlorination system convert the sewage into clear, clean "effluent" that discharges to the brook, and sludge, which is dewatered, pelletized and then incinerated at a temperature so high (1500 deg. F.) that no smoke or odor is produced. The ash can be used for clean landfill.

Last call for sewer petitions

Approximately 50% of the borough's unsewerred residents have petitioned for sewers. We're hoping to hear from the balance of them very soon, through petitions and letters expressing their opinions. The turnout at the public hearing was good, but we believe that many residents who are concerned about sewers were not able to attend. It is now up to the Council to come to a decision, and this will be made by the end of this month. Therefore, time is extremely short for any more letters and petitions.

Sewer Costs

	Stage I (done)	Entire Borough
<u>Capital Costs</u>		
Construction	\$1,374,000	\$3,194,000
Total (including construction)	\$1,530,000	\$4,210,000
<u>Annual Costs</u>		
Debt Service	\$ 134,450	\$ 368,650
Borough Budget	31,500	41,500
Authority Charges	51,500	93,500
Surplus Allowance	7,450	15,000
Total	\$ 224,900	\$ 518,650
<u>Charges to Sewered Home</u>		
Service Charge	\$ 176.00	\$ 0
Taxes	47.00	297.00
Gross charge	\$ 223.00	\$ 297.00
Less Federal tax deduction	- 9.40	- 59.40
Net charge	\$ 213.60	\$ 237.60

Note: Figures above are based on: Average assessed valuation for home in Allendale is \$35,000, average after sewerred is \$900 higher and average Federal Tax bracket of residents is 20%.

Trash Collection

The borough makes "major" pickups of trash only during the last full week of each month (except in Dec., Jan. and Feb.). Please note that the last full week is the one in which all seven days of the week are in the particular month. These are designated as "Clean-Up Weeks" and have been official since last August.

Furthermore, we remind you that trash should be placed at the curb prior to your regular collection days during the last full week. Lately, these procedures have been disregarded by a number of residents, jeopardizing the generally fine service Allendale has been receiving. (Compare with that of neighboring areas recently!)

Therefore, we urge all residents to cooperate. This service is provided to give us the chance to get rid of items no longer needed in normal household operations. And please remember that there is another category of material (beside garbage and trash) that must be handled in a different way. This includes brush, building materials, sod, trunks and large limbs of trees, and stumps. Refer to the borough's regulations, dated Aug. 1, 1969, for the rules governing the disposition of such items. A fourth category, newspapers and magazines, should be stacked and tied, then contributed to the Boy Scout Paper Drives that are held several times a year.

The next four "Clean-Up Weeks" will be:
May 25 - 30, June 22 - 27, July 20 - 25 and August 24 - 29.

Court Clerk needed

The borough is looking for a resident (male or female) with courtroom stenographic experience to act as Clerk of Municipal Court. The position pays \$1,200 per year. Interested persons should write a note to the Mayor and Council.

State College of North Jersey

This institution will very likely be located in Mahwah. While the site does not meet the criteria of our consultants anymore than did the property adjacent to Allendale in Saddle River, it appears to have produced a happy marriage between Mahwah and the College. Therefore, we will not oppose this location.

It's the law!

Loitering is strictly prohibited. Remind your youngsters of this ordinance and point out that the borough provides a special area (next to the A & P driveway on Allendale Ave.) where congregating is permitted. And if you should see strangers loitering anywhere in town, be sure to notify the police, promptly.

Too many dogs are running loose. This is in violation of a borough ordinance that requires them to be tied at all times. Strays will be picked up and taken to the pound in Lodi (a sad fate for such animals) and their owners will be issued summonses.

Summer Recreation

Baseball season is here and the first splash into Allendale's swimming pool is not far off. These and other recreation activities are an important part of borough life, benefiting both children and adults. So that you may take full advantage of these programs, we enclose a bulletin listing schedules, fees and regulations.

Many Allendale residents and organizations spend considerable effort and time on recreation programs. The financial support they require is considerable, too. Here's a brief rundown on the principal sums involved and a comparison with last year. These are budget figures.

Pool	1970	1969
Salaries and wages	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,800
Other expenses	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,750
Note: \$1,200 in fees expected in 1970.		

Parks & Playgrounds

Salaries and wages	\$10,000	\$ 9,500
Other expenses	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,500

In addition to the funds for these municipal activities, support is given (though not with direct payments) to the local athletic association (\$700 this year and last) and the local senior citizens organization (\$300 in '70 vs. \$100 in '69). The Holiday Observers also provides a number of worthwhile activities, generally without direct financial support from the borough.

Last year, about 160 adults and 470 children used the pool and average daily attendance, including guests, was 250. Lessons were given to 180, while a number of advanced swimmers took Red Cross Life Saving Instruction at Crestwood Lake. In addition, the borough cooperated with the "We Care" program, which benefited 25 out-of-town children. It will be conducted this year in the same way, with the pool being available for their use from 12 to 1 PM several days per week.

The Summer Recreation Program, for 6 to 12-yr.-old children and run on a no-fee basis except for minor supplies, had an enrollment of about 45 during its six weeks of operation last year. After it ended, the two-week Allendale PTO Summer Activities program started, offering a wide range of activities at nominal cost to 225 children. Both programs will be in operation this year.

ALLENDALE MEETING SCHEDULE					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st		Democrat. Club	Womens Eve. Club Hol. Obsvr. (Bkside)	Board of Health	Shade Tree C. Firemen (drill)
2nd	Council Finance H.S.B. of Educat'n	Court	Jr. Womens Club	Mayor & Council	Firemen (mtg)
3rd	Bkside B. of Ed.	Repub. Club	Bd. of Adjust. Bd. of Pub'ks.	Planning Board	Firemen (drill)
4th	Council Finance	Court	Field & Stream	Mayor & Council	

The Allendale Budget

INCOME	1970	1969	Increase	Per Cent
Net value of ratables	\$61,962,481	\$61,360,844	\$601,637	+9.8%
Tax rate per \$100 valuation	\$3.77	\$3.26	\$.51	+15.6%
Revenue expected from taxes	\$ 2,335,808	\$ 1,997,877	\$337,931	+16.9%
BUDGETED EXPENDITURES				
Municipal (net)	\$ 416,877	\$ 332,902	\$ 83,975	+25.2%
School, local	924,239	735,625	188,614	+25.6%
School, regional (high school)	696,692	654,586	42,106	+ 6.4%
County	265,000	242,404	22,596	+ 9.3%
Veteran & Senior Citizen allowance	33,000	32,360	640	+ 2.0%
	\$ 2,335,808	\$ 1,997,877		

Detail: 1970 Municipal Budget

General operations	\$ 529,305
Capital improvements	29,950
Debt service	6,417
Deferred charges and statutory expenditures	41,453
Sub-total	\$ 607,125
Plus reserve, uncollected taxes	86,953
Total	\$ 694,078
Less anticipated general revenue	-277,201
Amount to be raised by taxes	\$ 416,877

Note: Municipal increases, '69 to '70

Salary increases, plus new police-man, and including pensions and social security	\$ 34,470
Garbage collection, including amortization of two trucks and purchase of standby (used). (Total cost of garbage collection in '70 will be \$88,600, whereas former borough scavenger had asked \$139,500.)	43,600
Sewer utility charges (new in '70)	25,500
Misc. borough improvements, including road repair, fire and police equipment, master plan updating, storm sewers	20,405
	Sub-total \$ 123,975
Less deduction from capital improvement fund	- 40,000
Net increase in budget:	\$ 83,975

Narcotics Council

The organizational meeting of our Narcotics Council was held on May 6. Councilman Brackett, representing the Mayor and Council, thanked this group of dedicated citizens for their willingness to serve and pledged cooperation.

Purpose of the Narcotics Council is to offer advice and provide whatever assistance is possible to anyone, whether or not an Allendale resident, who is using drugs--or who is contemplating such action--and who calls for its help in repulsing the habit. As such, the objective is similar to that of Alcoholics Anonymous. Requests for assistance will be held in complete confidence and will not place the person in jeopardy of police arrest. Calls can be made to the first two members listed below, (Polglase or Ohnegian).

The Narcotics Council was initiated on March 25, 1970 by Allendale Chief of Police Frank A. Parenti, Jr. and Sgt. Robert Congleton. Present meeting schedule is once per month. Members are:

Rev. Kenneth A. Polglase, Church of the Epiphany
 Mr. Donald C. Ohnegian, attorney
 Mrs. Carolyn Allen, former Texas social worker
 Mr. Nicholas Di Gruttilla, pharmacist
 Mrs. Phyllis Frey, high school health teacher
 Dr. Richard M. Hoar, Hoffmann-La Roche, Inc.
 Mr. A. Chalmers Omberg, Jr., business psychologist
 Mr. Richard Van Houten, builder and realtor
 Dr. Joseph Vasselli, specialist

Firemen's Parade

On Saturday, May 23, Allendale's Fire Department will celebrate its 60th Anniversary with a parade and other festivities. Helping them will be at least 15 other fire departments from the towns nearby plus an aggregation of marching bands and other civic organizations. The procession starts at 2 PM in the Crestwood Lake picnic area and will go down Myrtle Ave., through the business district, past a reviewing stand at Brookside School and wind up in the ball park area.

Albert J. Merz, Jr.
 - Mayor
 Norman S. Lane
 G. Fred Brackett
 Frederick W. Lankering
 Robert E. Schenk
 Anthony J. Ward
 John T. Winship
 - Councilmen

Allendale
Sewer
System



Key

- Authority Sewers (trunk lines)
- - - Allendale Sewers (now install)
- Ramsey-Allendale Interceptor
- Future sewers requested

MUNICIPAL BUILDING
290 FRANKLIN TURNPIKE
ALLENDALE, N. J. 07401

1. Note in Recorder. Franklin Turnpike
2. Oakland materials due.
Includes d.a's and don'ts
3. Give letters + list

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Allendale, N. J.
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