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1991 MUNICIPAL BUDGET: NO TAX INCREASE

The 1991 Municipal Budget provides for no Municipal Tax rate increase for property owners in the Borough. This is due to the Mayor and Council's desire to provide the residents of Allendale with a high level of service, while holding costs to a minimum. In addition, the Borough will receive \$187,797 in State funds due to the revised Quality Education Act (QEA). The 1991 budget process was made more difficult by a more restrictive 4.5% CAP in municipal spending.

The overall budget reflects a \$365,770 or 6.54% increase over 1990. Salaries increased by 8.1%, which includes an anticipated settlement with the Police union, and increases for Borough employees. Regular expenses decreased 1.1%, reflecting savings in sanitation due to increased recycling, and the settlement of the Mt. Laurel litigation.

Expenses which the Borough has no control over increased by \$221,055 or 10.2%. This includes a 54.17% increase in Workers Compensation insurance, 10.06% increase for the Sewer Authority, a 10.05% increase in Police pensions, and a 14.64% increase in debt service. A portion of the increase was offset by a 25.4% decrease in insurance cost, which is managed by the Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund.

The Borough is responsible for collecting 100% of the tax levy for the Allendale schools, Northern Highlands Regional High School, and Bergen County. The budget reflects a 96.47% collection rate, which means \$469,091.63 must be included in the municipal budget to fully fund those budgets, which is an increase of 5.9%.

To offset the increase in expenditures, the Borough is anticipating an increase of \$83,870 in receipts from delinquent taxes. Fees for the use of Crestwood

Lake and the Red Barn have been increased. Also, the Borough is appropriating \$400,000 from surplus.

Finally, the additional \$187,797 to be received from the State will enable the Municipal Tax Rate to remain at .679 per \$100 of assessed value.

	1990 RATE	1991 RATE	+ /(-)
Municipal	.679	.679	.000
Local School*	1.032	1.108	.076
High School*	.509	.581	.072
County	.380	.382	.002
Total	2.60	2.75	.15

*subject to School election 4/30/91

On a home assessed at \$210,000, the tax increase is \$315.00.

CRESTWOOD SWIM CLUB OPENS MAY 25TH

Crestwood Swim Club brochures were mailed recently to all Borough residents. The early season begins May 25, with the regular season getting under way on June 22. A small increase in fees was necessary this year in order for revenues to cover the cost of operations. The Crestwood Swim Club is open to all Borough residents. If you have not received the brochure, or would like more information, please call 818-4402.

RECYCLING UPDATE

The introduction of plastics, tin cans, and cardboard into the recycling program has begun to pay off. In the first two months of the year, Borough residents have reduced the amount of garbage going to the landfill by 16%. With tipping fees at \$124 per ton, this is a significant savings for the Borough.

BOROUGH TO ISSUE CAT LICENSES

With reports of rabies as close as Oakland and Hawthorne, the Borough Council joined with surrounding municipalities and adopted an ordinance establishing licensing procedures for cats. The intent of the ordinance is to make sure all cats in Allendale are vaccinated for rabies, since cats do come in contact with animals that transmit the disease, such as raccoons and squirrels.

Licenses will be issued by the Borough Clerk, and any license obtained prior to July 1 will be issued free of charge for 1991. Licenses issued after July 1, 1991 will cost \$4.00 for the first cat and \$2.50 for each additional cat licensed at the same time. An additional fee of \$1.50 per cat will be charged for cats that are not spayed or neutered. A \$5.00 late fee will be charged after July 31st. These licenses will expire December 31, 1991.

A full year license will be issued in 1992 at a fee of \$8.00 for the first cat and \$5.00 for each additional cat licensed at the same time. An additional fee of \$3.00 per cat will be charged for cats not spayed or neutered. A \$5.00 late fee will be charged after January 31.

Cat licenses are available from the Borough Clerk's Office. For more information please call 818-4402.

RABIES CLINIC JUNE 8TH

The Allendale Board of Health will sponsor a free rabies vaccination clinic on Saturday, June 8, 1991 at the Ambulance Corps Building located at the corner of Franklin Turnpike and Arcadia Road. The clinic will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dogs and cats will receive a free rabies vaccination. The clinic is open to all Borough residents.

MOUNT LAUREL HOUSING LAWSUIT SETTLED

On January 24th, the Borough Council adopted three ordinances implementing a Fair Share Housing Plan to provide for 111 low and moderate income housing units. The Council has designated nine sites in the Borough as potential "Mount Laurel" housing sites. This ends three years of litigation brought against the Borough by Jomac Associates and Saddle Dale Associates, who challenged the validity of the Borough's zoning ordinance regarding the Fair Housing Act. The settlement allows the developers to make a contribution to the Affordable Housing Fund of the Borough in lieu of constructing

affordable housing units. The Borough, in conjunction with the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH), will enter into an agreement with another municipality to rehabilitate living units using these funds, to offset a portion of the required housing units.

SPRING FIX UP

Residents are reminded that permits are needed for repairs or renovations. Please check with the Construction Office at 818-4416 to see if a permit is needed before you begin work.

NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR BOROUGH OFFICES

The Borough offices have switched to the Centrex III telephone system offered by New Jersey Bell. The new system will increase the number of phone lines into all Borough offices, allowing for direct dialing to any office, and offers a host of cost saving options for the Borough. Please clip and save this list of NEW phone numbers for Borough offices.

Police, Fire, Ambulance emergency	825-1900
Board of Health	818-4418
Borough Administrator	818-4404
Borough Clerk	818-4401
Construction Code	818-4416
Fire Headquarters	327-8755
Library	327-4388
Licenses, Crestwood badges	818-4402
Municipal Court	818-4406
Planning & Zoning Boards	818-4403
Public Works	818-4411
Recycling	818-4410
Tax Assessor	818-4419
Tax Collector	818-4407
Treasurer	818-4408
Water Department	818-4414
Other Information	818-4400

CLOCK FUND UPDATE

The final step in completing the Business District is the installation of a "TOWN CLOCK" at the triangle at the west end of West Allendale Avenue. The committee has raised \$10,685.00, but is \$5,000 short of its goal. Residents and merchants are urged to contribute to the "TOWN CLOCK" fund. Donations may be sent to: Town Clock Fund, Borough Hall, 500 West Crescent Avenue, Allendale, NJ.

NEWSPAPER RECYCLING TIPS

Newspapers are recycled by the Allendale Boy Scouts, with help from their parents. Money raised from the sale of the papers helps pay for the Scouts summer camp. When you are preparing your newspapers for recycling, please keep the following in mind:

- Many of the Scouts doing the collecting are young. When you tie the papers, remember that they have to be lifted at least twice. A bundle of papers one foot high can weigh 30 pounds. Please keep the bundles small.
- Tie the bundles on all four sides. It makes lifting the bundles easier.
- The paper company will only take newspaper. Please DO NOT put newspapers in brown bags or plastic bags. Also, do not include glossy magazines or telephone books. The Sunday supplements can be included with your newspapers.

The Boy Scouts are providing a valuable community service to the residents of Allendale. Please help by making their job a little easier.

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

A volunteer committee comprised of members of the Junior Women's Club, the Allendale Policemen's Benevolent Association, and the Volunteer Firemen's Association has raised over \$12,000 to install new playground equipment in Crestwood Park. Two structures made out of tires have been removed from the Park, and will be replaced by a toddler unit and a play unit which meet all Federal safety regulations. With assistance from the Borough, the volunteers will grade the area and install the play equipment. The committee is seeking volunteers to assist with the installation, and contributions may be sent to

"Crestwood Park Playground Project"
P.O. Box 446
Allendale, NJ 07401

SPRING CLEAN UP

The leaf composting facility on West Crescent Avenue is open on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for residents to bring grass clippings, leaves and yard debris. Anyone entering with a van or truck must show identification. Landscapers must obtain a permit at Borough Hall.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Allendale Fire Department and the Allendale First Aid Squad are looking for volunteers to join their respective organizations. For more information call the Fire Department at 327-8755 or the First Aid Squad at 825-1900.

DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS

The Spring brings the completion of the installation of brick pavers in the Downtown Business District. Along with the Belgian block curbing, the new sidewalks add a distinctive touch to the area. The new lamp posts were recently installed, the telephone poles and wires will soon be moved, and West Allendale Avenue will be repaved, which will complete the project. The Borough would like to thank the following individuals and businesses who have donated the entire cost of the new lamp posts:

DeGussa Corporation
Allendale Bar & Grill
Minmetals, Inc.
Independence Bank
Osteonics
Schlott Realtors
Nejat Erem, M.D.
Barry Poskanzer
Black Millwork Co., Inc.
Allendale Associates
Allendale Nursing Home
Citizens First National Bank
Rohsler's Allendale Nursery
Sharp Electronics Corp.
World Savings
The Great A&P Tea Company
Victor Paulius Associates
Sanyo Semiconductor Corp.
Allendale Renaissance
Allendale Super Cellars Liquor Store
MCM Realty
Azzolina & Feury Engineering
Winne, Dooley & Bole
Alfred Crew Consulting Engineers
Kwartler Associates
Allendale Lumber
Mrs. Mowerson
Dickinson, Vrabel & Cassells
Clapp & Eisenberg
Thomas Oxnard
Allendale Americans Soccer Club
Hitachi America, LTD.
Newcomers Club
Mr. & Mrs. T. Kissel

PLASTICS AND CARDBOARD RECYCLING A SUCCESS

Borough residents are to be commended for their participation in the Borough's recycling efforts, especially in the areas of Cardboard and Plastics. Over 2 tons of plastics and 7 tons of cardboard have been recycled since the beginning of the year. In order to increase your participation in recycling, and assist the Borough employees in collecting the materials, please follow these suggestions:

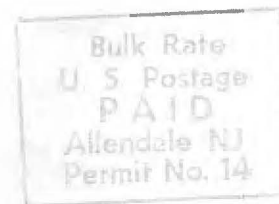
- 1) There are many different types of plastics. Currently, the Borough only collects #1-PETE and #2-HDPE. These numbers can be found on bottom of the plastic container, usually inside a recycling symbol. These items are milk containers, soda bottles and detergent bottles. Please check each item before putting it out for recycling. Any other number plastic should be placed with regular refuse, since they are not currently being recycled. Please remove and discard caps from all containers.
- 2) Use one cardboard box to store the rest. Boxes can be collapsed or cut to fit into one box. This will make storage and collection easier.
- 3) Cardboard is being collected by appointment, which can be made by calling 818-4410. Only corrugated cardboard (brown box) is being collected. Gift boxes, pizza boxes and shirt boxes are not being collected and should be discarded with the trash.
- 4) Plastic bottles can be crushed in order to increase storage. Please remove and discard tops.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 25 - Crestwood Swim Club opens
May 27 - Memorial Day Parade
June 4 - Election Day
June 8 - Newspaper Collection
July 4 - Band Concert & Fireworks - Crestwood Park 7:00 p.m.

REFUSE COLLECTION NOTE: All Borough residences receive refuse collection twice per week. In a holiday week, collection will be delayed one day for the rest of the week following the holiday.

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