

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2009, 2:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BOROUGH HALL

The Reorganization Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Barrington was held on January 4, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at the Barrington Municipal Building, with Mayor John D. Rink presiding.

HONOR GUARD: Again this year our Honor Guard was Barrington Boy Scout Troop 96. The Troop preceded Mayor & Council into the Reorganization Meeting.

INVOCATION: by Pastor J. Frederick Westermaier, retiring pastor of Barrington's First Presbyterian Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Max Dinella led the audience in saluting the flag of our country.

STAR SPANGLED BANNER: Olivia Manlove sang the National Anthem of our country.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION: Mayor Rink welcomed all who were attending today saying. He began by thanking the Barrington Band for their great music and participation every year. He introduced the dignitaries attending today: Assemblywoman and Barrington resident Nilsa Cruz-Perez, Freeholders Joseph Rippa and Ron Greco, Carmen Rodriguez and former Freeholder Tom Gurick; Mayor Betty Ann Cowling-Carson of Magnolia, Barrington resident Patricia Egan Jones, County Surrogate and Congressman Robert Andrews.

Congressman Andrews wished all a happy New Year and congratulated those being sworn in today. He thanked all for the honor and privilege to be representing them in Washington stating that it is a very difficult time which but he will enter into 2009 with optimism. Our country will pull thru as we always do and it is based on the character and fabric of communities like Barrington. He thanked the Barrington Band and said Barrington is always a musical inauguration and it is always a highlight for to be here and enjoy the band. The band exemplifies what he is saying: it is a volunteer organization and they are here because they love their community and want to contribute to it. It is the same with fire, ambulance organized sports, CCD teachers, and other volunteers including the Governing Body. They volunteer as a higher calling and for the good of the community. He thanked Mayor and Council, the Borough employees and volunteers in our community, stating that their service is the reason for optimism. Just look at the downtown and how it has been built up. He told Mayor Rink that he would help to continue the revitalization in any way possible. Thank you for having me here today and I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. The Mayor thanked him and said our vision for the streetscape would not be possible without the Congressman's help and support. The Congressman said there would be "more to come".

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION & SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

KIRK POPIOLEK, COUNCILMAN, was elected for a three (3) year term as a member of Borough Council with the term to expire on December 31, 2011, and was administered the Oath of Office by the Honorable Robert Andrews with Mayor Rink holding the bible.

CRAIG COWLING, COUNCILMAN, was elected for a three (3) year term as a member of Borough Council with the term to expire on December 31, 2011, and was administered the Oath of Office by his sister, the Mayor of Magnolia, Betty Ann Cowling-Carson with his wife holding the bible.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Rink called the meeting to order and made the following statement: "This meeting is held in compliance with Chapter 231 of the open public meetings act of 1975 and appropriate notice has been given."

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL: The Municipal Clerk called the roll of Council and reports the following:

Klaus	- present	Popiolek	- present
Dinella	- present	Bergeron	- present
Vincent	- present	Cowling	- present

Also on the dais: Mayor John D. Rink, Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk, and Timothy Higgins, Esq., Borough Solicitor.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING PASTOR: Pastor Fred Westermaier was honored for his years as a Barrington resident and nearly 25 years of as a pastor, many years as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Barrington. The pastor recently retired due to health reasons, he will be missed by his congregation and the community. The Pastor said it was his privilege and Barrington is the best town in the United States, he wished he had a certificate for everyone here.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION was presented by Mayor Rink and Chief Joseph H. Eisenhardt, Jr., to Ed Catts in appreciation of his 25 years of service to the Borough of Barrington as a police officer.

HOMETOWN HERO AWARD: presented by Mayor Rink to Bumper "T" Clown (George W. Edwards) for his volunteer organization which provides services as "funnyboneologists" to the sick in area hospitals. His organization has grown to 110 clowns and received the Governor of New Jersey's 2008 volunteer award in the most innovative category. Bumper "T" thanked all and said if anyone is interested in volunteering with his group to see him after this meeting.

BARRINGTON'S BEST AWARD: was presented by Mayor Rink to Council President Robert Klaus for his efforts on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the ABLE Group and the Green Team. The St. Vincent de Paul and ABLE groups are organizations which, under his leadership and inspiration, helped over 30 needy families in our community over the holidays and the Green Team will institute changes to the fossil footprint in the borough. Mayor Rink said that the Councilman is very deserving of this honor and we appreciate all he does for our community.

PATRIOTIC MUSICAL SELECTIONS WERE THEN PLAYED BY THE BARRINGTON BAND.

REMARKS BY NEWLY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS:

COUNCILMAN CRAIG COWLING – congratulated Councilman Popiolek on his re-election and thanked the residents of Barrington, the dignitaries and former dignitaries for attending today. It is an honor to serve on this council for the past three years, a long three years in terms of the tight budget and it will be another long three years with many challenges due to the current economy. Thanks to wife Jeanine, and daughters Olivia and Corrine for their continued support. Thanks to the members of council who have helped him over the years and also the police, fire, EMS, DPW and rest of appointed officials for working with me and showing me that they are here for the same reason – the residents of Barrington. Happy New Year to all.

COUNCILMAN KIRK POPIOLEK – congratulated Councilman Cowling on his re-election and thanked the resident for their support and help. We could not do this without your support. Government must make difficult decisions and to help us make decisions and support we have our state and county leaders. He thanked Congressman Andrews for swearing him in and wished him continued success in Washington. It has been a tough couple of years. We work very hard to maintain jobs and growth support for the businesses in town. The revitalization of our downtown came to fruition not only from the support of our leaders but with help and support of residents. I am proud to be part of the team moving the efforts to the White Horse Pike redevelopment and within 6 months work should begin on the property. Thanks to Council, Mayor, Borough employees, advisors and all here today for you support.

Mayor Rink congratulated Councilman Popiolek and Cowling. We are a good team and we truly do care. There are a lot of issues ahead with the economy and we do work together to do what is best. Congratulations and I look forward to working with both of you.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: Mayor Rink opened the floor for nominations for President of Council. Councilman Popiolek nominated Councilman Klaus which nomination was seconded by Councilman Cowling, with the following poll vote:

Klaus	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Dinella	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Vincent	- yes	Cowling	- yes

MOTION IS CARRIED.

Mayor Rink congratulated Council President Klaus saying that if he could cast a vote he would also have voted for Councilman Klaus.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>DIRECTOR</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Administration and Finance	DINELLA	Bergeron	Cowling
Community Affairs	COWLING	Bergeron	Klaus
Community Center	BERGERON	Cowling	Klaus
Public Works	RINK	Popiolek	Klaus
Public Safety	POPIOLEK	Vincent	Dinella
Health/ Welfare & Senior Services	BERGERON	Vincent	Cowling
Judicial	VINCENT	Cowling	Bergeron
Planning, Zoning, Construction Code Enforcement	KLAUS	Popiolek	Dinella
Economic Development	POPIOLEK	Klaus	Dinella
Green Team	KLAUS	Bergeron	Cowling

On a Motion by Klaus and Vincent the Council Committee assignments as read by the Municipal Clerk were approved by all Council members present.

MOTION IS CARRIED

INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS: The Municipal Clerk read the following appointments by Mayor Rink to be confirmed by Council; with terms as provided by State statute and/or Borough ordinance: Mayor asked all to stand and be recognized as we could not function without the dedication and hard work of the employees.

Municipal Clerk, Personnel Officer; Municipal Improvement Search Officer; Deputy Finance Officer

Terry Shannon

Tax/Sewer Rent Collector; Treasurer; Deputy Municipal Improvement Search Officer; Tax Search Officer. NOTE: Kristy attained tenure.

Kristy Emmett

Finance Officer; Deputy Treasurer; Deputy Municipal Clerk	Denise Moules
Deputy Tax Search Officer; Deputy Tax Collector Deputy Sewer Rent Collector	Lorraine Tanski
Zoning Administrator	George Jones
Fire Chief	Jason Houck
Ambulance Chief	Barbara Willson
Court Administrator	Karen Eckert
Deputy Court Administrator	Cynthia White, Carol Chickelero
Recording Monitor	Herb Quattrocchi
Municipal Prosecutor	Sherri Schweitzer, Esq.
Public Defender	Charles Wiggington, Esq.
Emergency Management Coordinator	Michael DePierri
Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator	Chief Eisenhardt
Superintendent of Public Works	Michael Ciocco
Environmental Compliance/ Property Maintenance Officers	Michael Ciocco, Ken Broome, Jr.
Recycling Coordinator	Michael Ciocco
Safety Director	Michael DePierri
Special Police Officer, Class I	Kenneth W. Jackson
Licensed Sewer Collection Operator	Michael Ciocco
Stormwater Management Coordinator	Thomas Quackenbush
Community Center Director	Tara Funkhouser

On a Motion by Klaus and Vincent the Individual Appointments as read by the Municipal Clerk was approved by all Council Members present.

MOTION IS CARRIED

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS: The Municipal Clerk read the following Appointments by Mayor Rink, no confirmation necessary:

Class III Member; one (1) year term expiring 12/31/2009	Councilman Robert Klaus
Class II Member, one (1) year term expiring 12/31/2009	Joseph H. Eisenhardt, Jr.
Class IV Member, four (4) year term expiring 12/31/2012	Ken Willson & Dave Ehrman
Class IV Alternate, four (4) year term expiring 12/31/2012	Denis Iocono

BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENTS: The Municipal Clerk read the following Council Appointments:

Three (3) year term expiring 12/31/2011	George Gallen
Three (3) year term expiring 12/31/2011	Mary Alice Klaus

On a Motion by Bergeron and Cowling the Board of Health appointment as read by the Municipal Clerk was approved by all Council Members present.

MOTION IS CARRIED

SHADE TREE COMMISSION: The Municipal Clerk read the following Appointments by Mayor Rink, no confirmation necessary:

For a five (5) year term to expire 12/31/2013	Cheryl-Lynn Vogel
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ALL APPOINTED OFFICIALS WERE SWORN INTO OFFICE by Mayor Rink who said you could not ask for better employees and volunteers.

MOTION: A Motion to approve the 2009 bingo licenses for St. Francis de Sales Church.

On a Motion by Klaus and Vincent the Motion as read was approved with all Council Members present in favor.

MOTION IS CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS: The Municipal Clerk advised that she would read the following Resolutions by title, one after another, and Council would have the opportunity to vote as a Consent Agenda at the end of the reading:

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2009-1: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING THE 2009 TEMPORARY BUDGET.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2009-2: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – 2009.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2009-3: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AWARDED THE 2009 ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES CONTRACT TO SUPERIOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY CONTRACTUAL DOCUMENTS.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2009-4: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER AND ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER TO THE CAMDEN COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2009-5: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER AND ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER TO THE SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2009-6: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE CAMDEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2009-7: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING 2009 MEETING NIGHTS FOR THE BOROUGH COUNCIL.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2009-8: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE TO MAINTAIN A REVOLVING PETTY CASH FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 200.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2009-9: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING LEGAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON DURING 2009.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2009-10: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR 2009 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 231, P.L 1975.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2009-11: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES FOR THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2009-12: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, SETTING INTEREST RATE CHARGES FOR DELINQUENT TAXES FOR 2009.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2009-13: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF IDLE FUNDS AND FUND TRANSFERS BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2009-14: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION OFFICIALS.

On a Motion by Klaus and Dinella the Resolutions were approved with the following poll vote:

Klaus	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Dinella	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Vincent	- yes	Cowling	- yes

MOTION IS CARRIED.

PUBLIC PORTION: On a Motion by Vincent and Cowling the public portion of the meeting was opened.

BILL BATTEE, member of the Barrington Band thanked Mayor and Council for their support through the year and for providing the Senior Center for them to practice. Mayor Rink said that it is the least we can do, we appreciate all you do and your continued participation in borough events.

Seeing no further comments from the public on a Motion by Vincent and Popiolek the public portion of the meeting was closed with all members of Council in favor.

MOTION IS CARRIED

REMARKS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY:

COUNCILMAN DINELLA – thanked all for coming out today. Congratulations to Councilman Popiolek and Cowling on their re-election and to Council President on his much deserved award – you are an inspiration and working with him is a pleasure. 2009 will bring difficult financial decisions but together we can make this all work out. Our goal is to keep expenses down while we continue to finalize tax rates. Thanks to Terry Shannon and Denise Moules for their help; this was my first year on the financial committee and they were both very knowledgeable, we are lucky to have them. I am looking forward to a good 2009 and lets go Eagles.

COUNCILMAN VINCENT – thanks all for coming out today, Congressman Andrews, Surrogate Pat Jones, County Freeholders and Assemblywoman Perez. Congratulations Ed Catts on 25 years of service and thanks Bumper “T”, our borough clown, for all you do and for attending today. Congratulations to Pastor Fred on your retirement and thank you for all you do. Congratulations Councilman Popiolek and Cowling; I am looking forward to working with you again in the coming years. Thanks also to the Mayor for all of his considerations and thank you Barrington Band.

COUNCILWOMAN BERGERON – thank you all for coming out today; it is an honor to serve with all of council; we work well together and we have great relationship; we are proud to serve this town. Congratulations to Bob Klaus, you do so much for this town, glad we got you this time and you had no idea, I will help you in any way I can. Congratulations to Councilman Popiolek and Cowling and I look forward to working with you again. Thank you Mayor.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT KALUS – said he is truly honored, knowing this administration and the residents of Barrington, this is a real honor. Thanks also to my family for keeping this award a secret. Honored guests and dignitaries, council members, family, friends, neighbors and fellow residents, thank you all for coming out today. Thanks to the Scouts and to Barrington Band, office staff and workers who prepared for this event. Congratulations to Councilman Popiolek and Cowling on your re-election; they are a part of a team that is doing great things in this municipality. Our Planning/Zoning/Construction Team meets monthly to review projects and discuss concerns and problems, also to make recommendations to Mayor & Council. Stormwater and White Horse Pike redevelopment are just a few things we discuss. The green initiative has completed its energy audit and our recommendation report for future green projects. The committee is made up of residents, volunteer staff and administrative personnel. The ABLE group had an active season. With the economy situation the need for assistance has been great but equally so has been the response of the residents and organizations. They met the needs of over 30 individuals over the holidays. Our annual coat drive took in over 40 adult and children's coats which were distributed to the communities most in need. Thanks all residents, organizations, businesses and individuals for their caring support. All of the departments in the borough sponsored families; it doesn't happen with one person but with groups of people working together. Thanks to all residents, volunteers, ambulance, fire, civic association, men's and women's organizations for their assistance and hard work that brings about numerous events and celebrations held throughout the year; hope you liked the new public address system. He thanked the police and public works departments for keeping us orderly and clean; thanks each and every one of you, you are who makes Barrington a special place to live and celebrate. Have a very prosperous and healthy New Year.

Mayor Rink advised that the Council President spearheaded efforts for a fundraiser and raised \$1600 to go towards the 2009 fireworks. If anyone is interested we are asking for volunteers for the Green Team, see Councilman Klaus after this meeting.

MAYOR RINK – it's been an honor and privilege to serve over the past 10 years. As mentioned before all of council, the officials and employees make this job a lot easier. All are appreciated, we have a great team, and we have a good time and have fun while we work hard for the borough residents. We push our department heads hard on all they spend and question all they do and, they do a great job. We try to keep giving great services with spending as little money as we can. I would put our services and employees up against anyone in the area. As mentioned before if you know of a Hometown Hero please contact us. We began to recognize people in the town Communique and here today, so please let us know if you are aware of someone who should be acknowledged. Our next council meeting is Thursday, January 15th so please come out and join us. The Mayor over sees the Department of Public Works and said they all do a fabulous job. Thanks Mike Ciocco and Ken Broome for all you and the guys do; I hope the residents like the service they do. He wished all a safe and Happy New Year, please stop in the back and get some refreshments before you leave.

GOD BLESS AMERICA was led by band Director Penny Teter with the public joining in and singing.

BENEDICTION: Pastor Ray Shannon of The Good News Family Worship Church gave the Benediction.

ADJOURN: Seeing no other business to be transacted on a Motion of Popiolek and Klaus the Reorganization Meeting was adjourned at 3:14 pm.

ATTEST: Terry Shannon
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk