

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON  
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 14, 2012, at 8:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular monthly Council Meeting of the Borough of Barrington was held on February 14, 2012, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Barrington Municipal Building, with Mayor Robert Klaus presiding.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Klaus 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. Notice of the meeting was filed with the Retrospect and Courier Post and also in the main office of the Borough Clerk where notices are currently kept. He then led the salute to the flag of our country.

**SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER:** A resolution appointing Patti Nicholson to the vacant council seat was approved at the caucus meeting held on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Patti Nicholson was appointed for an unexpired term as a member of Borough Council with the term to expire upon certification of the results of the November, 2012, general election. The oath was administered by the Honorable Robert Klaus, Mayor, with the Councilwoman's triplet's Emily, Danny and Aidan, and her husband Dan holding the bible; other family members and friends were also in attendance.

Mayor Klaus announced that this is our first council meeting without Harry Vincent and we are definitely going to miss him.

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

Nicholson	- present	Popiolek	- present
Pawling	- present	Bergeron	- present
Ludwig	- present	DelVecchio	- absent

Also on dais: Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon and Borough Solicitor Timothy Higgins, Esq.

**PROCLAMATIONS:** Red Ribbon Week February 27-March 2; Read Across America Day, March 2; March as Women's History Month; Rare Disease Day, February 29.

Mayor Klaus announced that proclamations are to bring information to our residents on interesting and important situations. If you would like more information please see us after the meeting.

So the residents in attendance could meet him, Mayor Klaus introduced Sergeant Dave Uron who is in the audience this evening. He is a resident and comes from a long line of policeman; his grandfather, father and brother were all police in town and we appreciate him coming out tonight.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mayor Klaus noted that Council was provided with a copy of the printed minutes of the January, 2012, regular council meeting asked if there were any corrections. Seeing no corrections, on a Motion by BERGERON and POPIOLEK the minutes of the January, 2012, meeting were approved as submitted by all members of Council present.

**MOTION IS CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The Municipal Clerk read highlights from the January, 2012, monthly report as submitted by the Police. She then read highlights from the Fire, EMS and Recycling reports from both December, 2011, and January, 2012, as the reports were not available last month due to computer issues. On a Motion by POPIOLEK, and LUDWIG all monthly committee reports submitted for December, 2011, and January, 2012, were approved to be received and filed as submitted by all

members of Council present.

**MOTION IS CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS: ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:** The Municipal Clerk stated that the following ordinances are for public hearing and adoption:

**ORDINANCE NO. 978: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADDING CHAPTER 55, DONATION CLOTHING BINS, TO THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 979: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 47, PRECIOUS METALS, GEMS & JEWELRY, IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON.**

On a Motion by BERGERON and POPIOLEK the second reading of the above Ordinances was approved with the following poll vote:

Nicholson	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Pawling	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Ludwig	- yes	DelVecchio	- absent

On a Motion by NICHOLSON and PAWLING the public hearing on the above Ordinances was opened.

Seeing no comments from the public, on a Motion by POPIOLEK and LUDWIG, the public hearing on the above Ordinances was closed.

On a Motion by PAWLING and NICHOLSON the second reading of the above Ordinances was approved with the following poll vote:

Nicholson	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Pawling	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Ludwig	- yes	DelVecchio	- absent

**MOTION IS CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS: ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING:** NONE at this time.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-2012-23: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES REGARDING USE OF INTERNET, E-MAIL AND WEBSITE RESOURCES.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-2012-24: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, CHANGE ORDER NO. 6-FINAL, 2009 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-2012-25: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, RELEASING THE PERFORMANCE BOND AND ACCEPTING THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE 2009 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-2012-26: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, AMPHITHEATER PROJECT.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-2012-27: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT WITH MOTIVA ENTERPRISES.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-2012-28: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING FIRE INSPECTORS.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-2012-29: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE RELATIVE TO THE SERVICES OF A CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-2012-30: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE RELATIVE TO THE SERVICES OF A TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE.**

On a Motion by BERGERON and POPIOLEK the Resolutions as read were approved with the following poll vote:

Nicholson	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Pawling	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Ludwig	- yes	DelVecchio	- absent

**MOTION IS CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2012:**

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>DIRECTOR</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>
Administration & Finance	POPIOLEK	Klaus	Pawling
Community & Civic Affairs	BERGERON	Pawling	Nicholson
Community Development	POPIOLEK	DelVecchio	Klaus
Constituent Services	PAWLING	Bergeron	Nicholson
Health, Welfare & Senior Services	BERGERON	Pawling	Ludwig
Judicial	LUDWIG	Bergeron	Nicholson
Public Safety	DELVECCHIO	Klaus	Ludwig
Public Works	KLAUS	DelVecchio	Popiolek
Planning, Zoning, Green Team Construction Code Enforcement	KLAUS	Nicholson	Ludwig

On a Motion by NICHOLSON and LUDWIG, the Council Committee assignments as read by the Municipal Clerk were approved by all Council members present

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** The Borough Clerk read the sum total of the bills to be paid this month which includes the Barrington schools and the County. The total of the bill list is \$ 3,895,941.76. On a Motion by POPIOLEK and LUDWIG the bills were approved for payment with the following poll vote:

Nicholson	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Pawling	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Ludwig	- yes	DelVecchio	- absent

## **MOTION IS CARRIED**

**PUBLIC PORTION:** Mayor Klaus advised that if you have a comment or question to come forward and state your name and address for the record. Public comment is limited to five minutes per person. On a motion by POPIOLEK and BERGERON the public portion of the meeting was opened.

Mike Drumm, 15 E. Gloucester Pike, as liaison for the Barrington School Board, advised Mayor & Council and the residents that the School Board elections will now be moved from April to November and held during the General Elections.

Mayor Klaus said it is beneficial and he and Mr. Drumm announced that the budget does not have to be voted on by residents as long as it is under the 2% cap. Mr. Drumm said this was a big concern and the School Board held two public meetings to give the public a chance to express their concerns since it takes away the voting of the residents.

Councilman Ludwig said he was at both meetings and the School Board did a good job.

With no more comments or questions from the public, on a Motion by NICHOLSON and POPIOLEK the public portion of the meeting was closed.

## **MOTION IS CARRIED**

### **COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY:**

**COUNCILMAN DELVECCHIO** – absent

**COUNCILWOMAN BERGERON** – said she has been on council for eleven years and it is refreshing to have the two Patti's with her; excited to work with them both. Patti Nicholson will do an outstanding job, every Pat I know is a hard worker. Upcoming events as follows: March 10, Little League fundraiser in Magnolia; Civic Association has Teen Center open on Friday and Saturday nights, Phylicia Robenolt is program director and her husband Wayne is helping her. We are hearing good things about the program with about 30 kids attending on both nights. With reference to the concerns about whopping cough in Barrington, I contacted the Health Director; these accounts were suspect but not confirmed, if there any incidents the residents will be notified. The Recreation Program this summer will be full day for children going into first grade and up to fourth grade. Survey will go out for middle school kids for interest in a few trips. We are not accepting children going into kindergarten because we have found that they are not ready for the program. The annual rabies clinic is April 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 – 11 am. Independence Parade is July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm with fireworks to follow behind Woodland School. May 19<sup>th</sup> is Barrington Day with May 20<sup>th</sup> the rain date, more information to follow.

The Mayor said the summer recreation program was a great success as a full-day program. We have been receiving calls for information on the 2012 program.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT POPIOLEK** – welcome all and congratulations to Patti Nicholson. She is a hard worker, active in our community and no stranger to town. Congratulate and thanks to CFO Denise Moules and Tax Collector Kristy Emmett for continuing with shared service with Merchantville; this helps both towns benefit in way of salary reduction and benefit costs. Our clerk, Terry Shannon, also continues to work in Mt. Ephraim and we thank her as well, her renewal will be in May. Our new department of Community Development has been busy; this was formerly Economic Development. This past month we met with Rich Hill, owner of the former Harvey's property, and he will be putting in 12 upscale apartments at the site, one and two bedroom apartments that will be top notch. The economy has not been conducive to this type of work in the past so we are excited and looking forward to mid-summer for construction. We have conceptual approval from NJ Dept. of Transportation for the White Horse Pike redevelopment traffic signal and are still on schedule to have the license to install the signal hopefully by the beginning of summer, barring any other difficulties. Thanks to KEI Engineers, especially Greg Evans.

They have done a fabulous job and kept us on the fast track for approvals. We are exploring the circle area cross the street from the Borough Hall for construction of a 9/11 Memorial in remembrance of September 11. It is a prominent spot in our downtown area and a fitting site for a memorial of such a large scale. We will be looking for volunteers in the near future for workers and donations, I know the town will pull together to get this done. Happy Valentine's Day to all.

Mayor Klaus added that our shared services are intricate for us to maintain the level here and at the municipalities that we have shared services with; we know the staff can take care of the situations. It will be hard not to call the new apartments Harvey's Apartments. After that project we will work on Gloucester Pike and Clements Bridge Road. Greg Evans from KEI Engineers is here tonight and he and KEI are such a help to this municipality we can't thank them enough; we don't know what we would do without them.

**COUNCILWOMAN NICHOLSON** - thanked Mayor & Council for the opportunity to work with this team and she looks forward to learning and working together. She continued to thank her husband Dan and children Emily, Danny and Aidan, you give me great love and support for me to be here. Also, thanked family and friends for believing in her. She looks forward to working with everyone in the borough. Anything I can do for you or help you with call the Mayor's Office and leave me a message, I will get back to you. I'm really excited. Thank you.

**COUNCILWOMAN PAWLING** – welcomed Patti Nicholson to council saying we are thrilled to have you. The Councilwoman said she is the director of a new department, Constituent Services, which will include the ABLE Group. The ABLE Group is a partnership between community and religious groups and other organizations in town looking to temporarily help people in need. ABLE stands for: Answers, Benevolence, Liberation and Education. On January 28 we had twenty-one individuals & families come in to get food from the group. Schools, borough individuals and businesses donated food and money, the community comes together regularly to help those in need. The next ABLE food distribution is March 31; call Eileen in the Mayors Office to sign up. If you would like to get involved let us know, the next meeting will be in the beginning of March. As liaison to the Board of Education she mentioned, as noted previously, that the School Board elections will now be held in November. They will still have a budget hearing, that is a requirement and you can still voice your opinion at the meetings. Council will not have to review a defeated budget anymore and the district can form a budget with the knowledge that money under the 2% cap will be the money they need to run the district; that is a benefit. As of today 318 districts have moved their election to November, this about half of the districts in New Jersey with 95% of districts in Camden County moving their elections. The districts pay the county to run the election so this will save money. Also approved last night was payment to Haddon Heights for money owed, two payments of \$127,000 each to pay for 2009 tuition due, this was paid off early. The tuition we pay to Haddon Heights is an audited amount by the state. Some residents were concerned with a paper delivered by the Courier Post called "Down the Pike" which is in driveways and becomes trash. The Councilwoman spoke with the Courier Post and they had other complaints. They will meet with the company that delivers the paper and voice their concerns; if it doesn't improve they will not use the company again.

**COUNCILMAN LUDWIG** – good to be on this side looking at out and glad to be appointed. Likes to talk about how hard the employees work, they are great and it makes me proud. He sees the office staff working hard and police making sure kids are ok, DPW on the road fixing things with great pride, it's good to see, and he is proud of that. It's what makes this town special. Happy Valentine's Day to wife and kids, this is the low point of romance being here. I'm learning a lot and excited to have Patti here as part of the team, you work hard and deserve to be here. He appreciates the patience the Mayor, Maureen and Kirk have for us; we appreciate your support and being part of the group. Appreciates all coming out and look forward to serving you in the future.

Mayor said Councilman Ludwig is director of Judicial and will be busy.

**MAYOR KLAUS** – noted that budget proceedings are the end of this month. We have had incidents already with expenditures not expected as the re-circulating pump on the boiler in Borough Hall went and

a transmission in one of the fire trucks went too. April 28 is the rabies vaccination and the borough shredding event at the Department of Public Works. The "Teen Nights" are going well and we are pleased with how it is working out and the numbers attending. Wayne and Phylicia are doing a great job. As Councilwoman Bergeron mentioned the Little League benefit is coming up, see Councilman DelVecchio for tickets. The work at Deerfield is being done by DPW with grant money; it looks great and is very professional.

Councilman Popiolek asked for a moment of silence in memory of our deceased Councilman Harry Vincent. After the moment the Mayor added "God bless you Harry".

With no further business to be transacted, on a motion by POPIOLEK and PAWLING the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Councilman Popiolek asked everyone to "check on your seniors on these cold nights – that's what Harry would want".

ATTEST: *Terry Shannon*  
Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk

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