

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 14, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL ROOM AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular monthly Council Meeting of the Borough of Barrington was held on May 14, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room 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 and thanked all for coming out tonight.

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

Ludwig	- present	Popiolek	- present
Nicholson	- present	Bergeron	- present
Robenolt	- present	DelVecchio	- present

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

PROCLAMATIONS: The following proclamations were presented by Mayor and Council—

- Public Works Week, presented by Councilman Ludwig to Ken Broome, Foreman of Public Works
- May as National Military Appreciation Month, presented by Mayor Klaus; he asked all veterans to stand and be recognized.
- Police Appreciation Week, presented by Mayor Klaus to Chief Joseph Eisenhardt, Jr.
- Older Americans Month, presented by Councilwoman Bergeron. Councilwoman Bergeron then gave special recognition to seniors who are over 90 years in age—Joe Atlas, Tony Piccoli, Lorena Weber. Senior Coordinator Eileen Holcombe pointed out the Lorena Weber is 99 years old. Councilwoman Bergeron then presented a certificate of appreciation to Anne Whitaker for her generous service to the Barrington Seniors. She quoted Anne’s famous saying “Get up, Dress up, Show up” as inspiration for all seniors.
- Emergency Medical Services Week, presented by Councilwoman Nicholson to Ambulance Chief Barb Willson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Klaus noted that Council was provided with a copy of the printed minutes of the April 9, 2013, council meeting and asked if there were any corrections. Seeing no corrections, on a Motion by POPIOLEK and LUDWIG, the minutes of the April 9, 2013, council meeting were approved as submitted by all members of Council present with the exception of Councilwoman Nicholson who abstained.

MOTION IS CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Municipal Clerk read a summary of the April, 2013, monthly reports as submitted by Chief Joseph H. Eisenhardt, Jr. for Police; Chief John Sutch for the Fire Company; Chief Barbara Willson for Ambulance/EMS; Superintendent Michael J. Ciocco for Department of Public Works; Fire Official Stephen DePierri for Regional Fire Alliance; Karen Eckert Court Administrator for Municipal Court; Tax Collector Kristy Emmett for Tax and Sewer Collections.

On a Motion by LUDWIG and POPIOLEK the monthly reports for April, 2013, were approved 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. 999: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY CALENDAR YEAR 2013 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14).

ORDINANCE NO. 1000: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN LAND BY THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON FROM 111 LLC, AND AUTHORIZING THE LITIGATION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SAID ACQUISITION.

ORDINANCE NO. 1001: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN LAND BY THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON FROM A&B INSURANCE DAMAGE RESTORATION INC., AND AUTHORIZING THE LITIGATION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SAID ACQUISITION.

ORDINANCE NO. 1002: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN LAND BY THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON FROM SOUTHOAKS LLC, AND AUTHORIZING THE LITIGATION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SAID ACQUISITION.

ORDINANCE NO. 1003: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 59, FIRE PREVENTION, IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON.

Solicitor Higgins stated that with regard to Ordinance 1000, the acquisition amount is amended to \$27,500.00

On a Motion by POPIOLEK and ROBENOLT the second reading of the ordinances was approved with the following poll vote:

Ludwig	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Nicholson	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Robenolt	- yes	DelVecchio	- yes

On a Motion by DELVECCHIO and L, the public hearing on the above Ordinances was opened. Seeing no comments from the public, on a Motion by DELVECCHIO and BERGERON the public hearing on the above Ordinance was closed.

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

Ludwig	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Nicholson	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Robenolt	- yes	DelVecchio	- yes

ORDINANCES WERE ADOPTED

NEW BUSINESS: ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING: The Municipal Clerk stated that the following ordinances are for introduction on first reading:
Ordinance 1004, The 2013 Salary Ordinance for Non-union Employees and Borough Officials.

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

Ludwig	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Nicholson	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Robenolt	- yes	DelVecchio	- yes

MOTION IS CARRIED

Mayor Klaus announced that the public hearing on above ordinance will be held during the June 11 council meeting and after proper legal advertisement.

NEW BUSINESS: RESOLUTIONS The Municipal Clerk advised that she would read the following resolution will be voted on separate from the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2013-51: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH RUNNEMEDE FOR PAYROLL SERVICES WITH BARRINGTON PROVIDING THE SERVICES TO RUNNEMEDE

On a motion by Councilwoman Nicholson, second by Council President Popiolek, the resolution was approved with the following poll vote: Ludwig-abstain; Robenolt-yes; Popiolek-yes, Bergeron-abstain; DelVecchio-abstain. Resolution is approved.

Regarding resolution 56, Councilman DelVecchio stated he had concerns about this resolution as it applies to Municipal Court. He believes that a change in hours must be approved by the Camden County Courts. Until more information can be obtained, on a motion by Councilman DelVecchio, second by Councilwoman Bergeron, resolution 5-2013-56 was tabled.

The Clerk then announced that the following resolutions will be read and approved by Consent Agenda, one after the other:

5-2013-52	Amending the Appointment of the Tax Assessor
5-2013-53	Change Order No. 2, the Curb Ramp Improvement Project
5-2013-54	Donating Bikes to the Camden County Bike Share Program
5-2013-55	Authorizing Release of Performance Bond and Posting of Maintenance Bond for Wound Healing Solutions
5-2013-57	Cancelling Outstanding Checks
5-2013-58	Authorizing the Budget to be Read by Title Only at Public Hearing
5-2013-59	Authorizing Self-examination of the 2013 Municipal Budget
5-2013-60	Approving the May Bill List—Total \$2,029,783.19

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

Ludwig	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Nicholson	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Robenolt	- yes	DelVecchio	- yes

RESOLUTIONS ARE APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

On a motion by Councilwoman Bergeron, second by Council President Popiolek, the public hearing on the 2013 Municipal Budget was opened. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Councilman DelVecchio, second by Councilwoman Bergeron, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Council President Popiolek, second by Councilwoman Bergeron, Resolution 5-2013-58, to Adopt the 2013 Municipal Budget, was approved with the following poll vote: Nicholson-yes; Ludwig-yes; Robenolt-yes; Popiolek-yes; Bergeron-yes; DelVecchio-yes. The Budget is adopted.

MOTIONS:

The Clerk that the following appointments are on for approval:

Appointing Stephen DePierri as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for 2013

Appoint John Szczerbinski as Property Maintenance Officer effective April 1, 2013.

On a motion by Council President Popiolek, second by Councilman DelVecchio, the appointments were approved with the following poll vote: Nicholson-yes; Ludwig-yes; Robenolt-yes; Popiolek-yes; Bergeron-yes; DelVecchio-yes. Motions are approved.

Councilman Ludwig then stated that he wants a motion to give four comp-time hours to Terry and Denise for coming on Saturday to work on the Budget. When people come in for work on off-hours they should be compensated. He made a motion that Terry and Denise get four hours comp-time which was seconded by Council President Popiolek. The following was the poll vote: Nicholson-abstain; Ludwig-yes; Robenolt-no; Popiolek-yes; Bergeron-no; DelVecchio-yes. Motion is carried.

At this time, Councilwoman Bergeron presented a final proclamation to Joe and Sally Mooney who had just arrived, two of our 90+ seniors, in recognition of Older Americans Month.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY:

COUNCILMAN LUDWIG – 100 years ago today, the first banking institution in Barrington opened up. Just wanted to share that information. Thank you to Mayor and Council for all the hard work on the Budget. Chief—I know you are not retiring yet but we wish you the best in your future retirement.

COUNCILWOMAN NICHOLSON – Saturday is Barrington Day, 11am-4pm at Shreve Avenue field; May 27 is Memorial Day celebration starting at 9:30 and we will have Sgt. Grosnick, a US Marine as a guest speaker. Congratulations to Joe on your retirement and thanks for all your help.

COUNCILMAN ROBENOLT – Congratulations to all the award recipients and department heads who were honored with proclamations. Please pass on our sentiments to your departments. Thank you to everyone who helped out with the ABLE food distribution. Thanks in advance to Kenny since DPW will be moving the leftover food. Congratulations to Joe on your retirement. You will be greatly missed.

COUNCILMAN DELVECCHIO– I know it was not popular with the employees to table the resolution about the office hours but we need to look into it further. To Councilwoman Nicholson I am sorry but I cannot attend Barrington Day as I will be in Salisbury, MD, with my baseball day. I will be at Youth Government Day. Thanks to everyone for coming out tonight.

COUNCILWOMAN BERGERON – I am so proud to see all the seniors here today. We have the best senior group in Camden County. Thanks so much for coming out tonight. Thanks to council and the staff for the hard work on the Budget. It is not an easy task and I appreciate all the hours that were put in. I want to recognize Barb Willson and Steve DePierri-they really care about the town. They always keep me informed and look for ways to help our residents. Government Day is this Friday at 9:30 at Woodland School. We teach the eighth grade students what it is like to be involved in local government.

The Chief will talk about police services and we talk about running the town. They get to visit various departments. The goal is to get them interested in public service.

COUNCILMAN PRESIDENT POPIOLEK – thank you to everyone for coming out on this beautiful day. Please-no funeral jokes here. I work with a lot of seniors—all alive of course. It is amazing how many seniors we have in their 80's and 90's and most of them still live independently. It really is a testament and I credit each of you for coming to the fun senior club. It is a good wholesome club and having something fun like that to look forward to is good for everyone. The Budget was difficult like every year. Government is like business—we have income and liabilities. We have expenses such as trash collection, emergency services, maintenance, utilities and employees. These things all have a cost and they go up every year. The last thing we want to do is needlessly increase taxes. We had numerous tax appeals on the commercial side which affected the value of the whole town. We really worked hard on the Budget and there is no fat to trim. The only cuts would be to personnel which would affect services. We will continue to look for restructuring opportunities without affecting services. The increase is about 4 ½ cents which on the average household is about \$80 per year. Thanks to Denise for all the hours she put in and to Terry as well for her help. They are often here on weekends. I was happy to vote for the four hours of comp-time. I don't know when they will be able to take it but the gesture was very nice. Enjoy Barrington Day and the summer.

MAYOR KLAUS – the ABLE food collection was great and at least 20 postal workers helped out. To our seniors-they are our most precious resource. We have numerous volunteers who help us on a daily basis and we would be lost without them. To Eileen—thanks for the great job you do with the seniors. To the Chief on his retirement-there will be a formal exit later so be prepared. To everyone who was honored with a proclamation, thank you for all you day. Hope Barrington Day is a success and look forward to seeing everyone there.

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 NICHOLSON and BERGERON the public portion of the meeting was opened.

The following residents from the Hidden Ponds Development questioned Mayor & Council about the homeowners' association, residents' responsibility for the pump station and what progress has been made speaking with the builder. The Hidden Ponds Development residents did receive a letter last week from the builder's lawyer for them to take over the pump station and set up the homeowners' association. They have to respond by April 23.

Joyce Natale, 123 Albany Avenue, asked if there has been any information from the DOT. It has been nearly two years since they have been waiting for a response from the State. 295 is behind my property. There are felled trees, growth, trash, and it runs behind all of the properties down to Third Avenue. They say they are coming out but they never do. I have called numerous times and even contacted Congressman Andrews' office. Mike Ciocco has been helpful but we cannot get any results from the DOT. Please go back there and take a look at the mess. It is an eyesore. We should not have to live with this mess. Mayor Klaus said Mike has been working on it on our end. Joyce said she is aware of that. Mayor said he understands the frustration with the DOT. We don't know why they don't respond. We will continue to contact the Congressman to see if we can get some action.

Len Keenan, 124 Albany Avenue, said he can attest to what Joyce is saying. His question is when did the meeting time get changed? Mayor Klaus said we changed the dates of caucus because of the publication requirements for the agendas. Council is the same day but starts at 6pm in the hopes to get more people out.

Diane Schreier, 212 Nassau Drive, said kudos to Councilwoman Bergeron for trying to educate our youth about government. Regarding the time change for council to 6pm, she does not know how working people can get here by 6pm. She thinks it sends a negative message and tells the public we don't want them to come out. Councilwoman Bergeron responded that she is a working woman and a mom and it is much better for her to come to a meeting at 6pm. She would rather go straight to a meeting and then go home. It is harder to go back out after you have been home. Councilman DelVecchio said he was opposed to the change.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Councilwoman Nicholson, second by Councilwoman Bergeron, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

With no further business to be transacted, on a motion by POPIOLEK and DELVECCHIO the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

ATTEST: *Terry Shannon*
Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk