

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL ROOM AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular monthly Council Meeting of the Borough of Barrington was held on November 12, 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:

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| 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.

PROMOTION AND SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE LIEUTENANT:

RESOLUTION 11-2013-109: RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAEL DRUMM TO THE POSITION OF POLICE LIEUTENANT FOR A SIX (6) MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD BEGINNING NOVEMBER 12, 2013

On a Motion by NICHOLSON and DELVECCHIO the Resolution as read was approved with the following poll vote:

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

Sgt. Drumm was sworn into office as a Lieutenant by Mayor Klaus with Councilman DelVecchio, his wife Carolyn and the officer's children at his side.

PROCLAMATIONS: "National Survivors of Suicide Day" as read by Council President Popiolek; "Veterans Day" as read by Mayor Klaus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Klaus noted that Council was provided with a copy of the printed minutes of the October 8, 2013, council meeting and the August 6, 2013, caucus meeting and asked if there were any corrections. Seeing no corrections, on a Motion by ROBENOLT and POPIOLEK the minutes of the October 8, 2013, council meeting and the August 2, 2013, caucus meeting were approved as submitted by all members of Council present.

MOTION IS CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Municipal Clerk read a summary of the October 2013, monthly reports as submitted by Chief Dave Roberts for Police; Chief John Sutch for Fire Company; Chief Barbara Willson for Ambulance/EMS; Superintendent Michael J. Ciocco for Department of Public Works; Fire Official Steve DePierri for Regional Fire Prevention; Tax Collector Kristy Emmett for Tax and Sewer Collections; Court

Administrator Karen Eckert for Municipal Court. On a Motion by NICHOLSON and BERGERON the monthly reports for October 2013, were approved as submitted by all members of Council present.

MOTION IS CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS--ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING: The Municipal Clerk stated that the following ordinances are for introduction on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1013: SALARY ORDINANCE FOR PBA UNION PERSONNEL

ORDINANCE NO. 1014: SALARY ORDINANCE FOR AFSCME UNION PERSONNEL

ORDINANCE NO. 1015: ADDING ARTICLE III, MAINTENANCE OF VACANT PROPERTIES, TO CHAPTER 95, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON.

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

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

ORDINANCES WERE APPROVED

Mayor Klaus announced that the public hearing on above ordinance will be held during the December 10 caucus meeting and after proper legal advertisement.

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. 1011: AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1002 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. 1012: GRANTING RENEWED CONSENT AND PERMISSION TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY TO USE THE PUBLIC STREETS TO FURNISH GAS FOR LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER IN BARRINGTON

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

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

On a Motion by BERGERON and POPIOLEK the public hearing on the above Ordinances was opened.

Seeing no comments from the public on a Motion by BERGERON and ROBENOLT the public hearing on the above Ordinances was closed.

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

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| Ludwig | - yes | Popiolek | - yes |
| Nicholson | - yes | Bergeron | - yes |

Robenolt - yes

DelVecchio - yes

ORDINANCES WERE ADOPTED

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. 11-2013-110: AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2013-111: CERTIFYING LIENS AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR COSTS INCURRED BY THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2013-112: PROVIDING APPROVAL OF SANITARY SEWER CONNECTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2013-113: REFUND OF TAXES

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2013-114: REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2013-115: CANCELLING 2013 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS WITH UNEXPENDED BALANCES

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2013-116: AUTHORIZING 2013 BUDGET TRANSFERS

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2013-117: CANCELING OUTSTANDING CHECKS

RESOLUTION 11-2013-118: APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL #328 RELATIVE TO CERTAIN UNIFORMED POLICE OFFICERS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SAID CONTRACT

RESOLUTION 11-2013-119: APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH AFSCME COUNCIL #71 RELATIVE TO CERTAIN PUBLIC WORKS AND CLERICAL EMPLOYEES AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SAID CONTRACT

RESOLUTION 11-2013-120: ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE SELECTION OF VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2013-121: AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH CAMDEN COUNTY WHEREIN THE BOROUGH WILL RECEIVE AND MAINTAIN RADIO EQUIPMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2013-122: GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT EXTENSION JANUARY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2013-123: AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE CAMDEN COUNTY DEER CARCASS REMOVAL CONTRACT

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2013-124: APPROVING THE SEPTEMBER BILL LIST TOTAL OF \$ 4,288,401.56

Councilman DelVecchio questioned if 11-2013-123 was discussed. The clerk responded that it was not, but does not cost the borough any money. Councilman Ludwig stated that nothing was to be voted on without prior discussion. The clerk explained this resolution is being done to help a resident who had a deer carcass in his backyard that he needed removed. It does not cost the borough any money and the resident is going to pay for the service. Councilwoman Bergeron suggested the resolution be pulled from the consent agenda. Resolution 11-2013-123 was pulled from the consent agenda and will be approved next month.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY:

COUNCILMAN LUDWIG – not much to say, hope all have a good week; will have more to discuss at our next meeting.

COUNCILWOMAN NICHOLSON – thanks for all the help for the Harvest Festival, it takes a lot of people and Police, Fire, EMT's, DPW, Fire Alliance, all volunteers and the girls in the office, thanks all for your hard work. Congratulations to Mike Drumm on his promotion. The "WISH TREES" are up around town, here at the Borough and next week at the coffee house. If you can please, take a tag and provide a gift. If you know of any family that needs help please have them call the borough ABLE Group or the Women's League and we will be happy to help. Halloween was a nice night and we are glad all got to enjoy it. Hope all have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family.

COUNCILMAN ROBENOLT – we will implement new safety procedures in the borough for court night in an effort to make all safer for staff and citizens. To alleviate crowding the borough late night will be Thursday instead of Wednesday beginning next Thursday night. Next Tuesday at 7:30 pm is the Green Team meeting with a speaker to help us get certified; please come out if you are interested. The Teen Center is up and functioning, Friday night for grades 5&6 and Saturday nights for grease 7&8. Congratulation to Haddon Heights High Marching Band who won the National Championship for Group 1! Several Barrington residents including my two boys went to Giant's Stadium and captured the title.

COUNCILMAN DELVECCHIO – he is not here, but congratulations to Lt Drumm on his promotion. Chief Roberts has help on its way. We are moving forward with a lot of good things happening in town and we appreciate it, keep up the good work. The Councilman rode along with the Chief during Halloween and went across the Pike. For the number of children out trick or treating we hope to have a heavier police presence there next year, the residents are overwhelmed with children. There so many kids over there, so to be on the safe side we will step it up a bit. Happy Thanksgiving and congratulations to Wayne's twins, National Champions, what a nice thing!

COUNCILWOMAN BERGERON – congratulations to Lt. Drumm, well deserved. The Chief is looking forward to him starting to get a bit of a break! The Fire Parade in on November 29th at 7 pm so come out and see the fire trucks decorated. The "Trap, Neuter and Return" program public hearing was not well attended. However, those attending are in full support and the BOT will have more information in the paper, we look forward to the support of the residents.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT POPIOLEK – welcome all, especially Mayor Emeritus Rink. To our Veterans, thank you for your service, I hope you had a peaceful day and Happy Birthday to the Marines, thank you all very much. The Councilman has read the suicide awareness proclamation every year for about seven years and thank you Mayor for putting that on the agenda each November. It's very important. I lost my brother nearly seven years ago and survivors have questions that will never be answered. It is important to recognize this. If you know of someone that made a threat please get them help, it can be prevented.

All have congratulated Lt Drumm and I would like to congratulate the Public Safety Committee. The general public gets to see the pomp but a lot goes into the process. The positions are earned and we thank Chief and the committee for their hard work. Chief, you are doing a fantastic job. The White Horse Pike project is moving along and we are still on track for our December 20 approvals. Hope to report at Reorganization that we have the approvals in hand. Our "911 Memorial" design is in place and we are seeking an engineer and architect to move forward with our concept. We will hold fundraiser events to and hope to put up by next September 11. Have an enjoyable Thanksgiving

MAYOR KLAUS – the vacant property ordinance puts a bigger burden on the ownership of vacant properties, the major lien holders. We will have registration fees and renewal fees. The hope is that they look at this before they kick people out of their homes. We have close to 50 vacant properties in town and it could get worse next year. Our hope is that this ordinance keeps people in their homes! The Giving Trees are up in town at borough, coffee house and the deadline for return of unwrapped gifts is December 16. The St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Barrington ABLE Group and the Women's League are helping lots of families, the need is great. Food distribution for Thanksgiving is on an as needed basis, the people must call themselves. General food distribution is on December 14; call the borough for an appointment, Barrington residents only. BOT out by the 29th. Thanks Public Safety Committee, Mike is a great candidate and choice. Barrington Band Christmas Concert is December 19 in the Senior Center and the Barrington Historical Society meets on November 17 in the Senior Center. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

PUBLIC PORTION: Mayor Klaus advised that if you have comments or questions to come forward and State your name and address for the record. Public comment is limited to five minutes per person; if you are commenting please come up to the podium.

On a motion by LUDWIG and NICHOLSON the public portion of the meeting was opened.

MANDY HAWKINS, 102 Erie Ave, soil and ground water testing showed a problem with the soil, a contaminant that was banned in 1985, dieldran, showed up as positive in the results. This can get into the skin and cause various issues. She asked if something be done about this problem; we have children and grandchildren playing on this soil. The borough requested copies of the report and will ask the engineer to look at them.

HARRY MOORE, Bellmawr, NJ: Mandy's father picked up grandchildren at corner due to flooding on Erie Ave and now a problem with the soil and ground water testing, fecal matter and pesticides. Flow of water at intersection is horrendous, this is numerous times this has happened. He said you can actually see the water coming out of the manhole in the street. He worked in environmental compliance and he understands this report. Please help us.

Mayor Klaus responded to both that once we have reviewed the reports, we will prepare a response.

SHARI WALLER, 201 Reading Ave, On October 10 she went out of state and home on October 13. Their cars had been towed because of the Harvest Festival and problems with the fire truck getting around the corner. They are out \$250 and tickets were dropped but gas station still charging for storage of vehicles. What are their options to get restitution of their money as proper notice was not given. Chief Roberts apologized. That is the only route the fire truck could get out. Notices were given out the day before the festival; they will give them out sooner next year. Councilwoman Nicholson said that the Civic Association will refund the \$250.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by NICHOLSON and BERGERON the public portion of the meeting was closed.

With no further business to be transacted, on a motion by BERGERON and NICHOLSON the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk