

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON  
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 8, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL ROOM AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

A regular monthly Council Meeting of the Borough of Barrington was held on April 8 2014, at 6:00 pm 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    | - absent  | Popiolek   | - present |
| Nicholson | - present | Bergeron   | - present |
| Robenolt  | - present | DelVecchio | - present |

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

**PROCLAMATIONS:** April as ASPCA Month as read by Councilwoman Bergeron; May 1 as "Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25 Day" as read by Mayor Klaus and he added that "Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25" trash can stickers area also available for \$2 each--see Eileen Holcombe if you are interested in purchasing a sticker.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mayor Klaus noted that Council was provided with a copy of the printed minutes of the February 4, 2014, caucus meeting and the March 11, 2014, council meeting and asked if there were any corrections. Seeing no corrections, on a Motion by POPIOLEK and BERGERON the minutes of the February 4, 2014, caucus meeting and the March 11, 2014, council meeting were approved as submitted by all members of Council present.

**MOTION IS CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The Municipal Clerk read a summary of the March 2014, monthly reports as submitted by Chief Dave Roberts for Police; Chief Jason Houck 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 POPIOLEK the monthly reports for March 2014, 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. 1017: CALENDAR YEAR 2014 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14).**

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

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

On a Motion by ROBENOLT and BERGERON the public hearing on the above Ordinance was opened.

Seeing no comments from the public, on a Motion by NICHOLSON and ROBENOLT the public hearing on the above Ordinance was closed.

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

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

**ORDINANCE IS 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:

- 4-2014-33: CHANGE ORDER NO. 2-FINAL, CURB RAMP IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**
- 4-2014-34: AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR TONNAGE GRANT**
- 4-2014-35: ADDING & DELETING 2014 TAX EXEMPTIONS**
- 4-2014-36: AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS**
- 4-2014-37: RESOLUTION TO USE ALTERNATE TAX COLLECTION RATE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41 FOR USE IN THE 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**
- 4-2014-38: AUTHORIZING AN ADVANCE TO THE BARRINGTON WOMEN’S LEAGUE FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT**
- 4-2014-39: APPROVING THE APRIL BILL LIST – TOTAL \$553,956.49**

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

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

**RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED**

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

**COUNCILWOMAN NICHOLSON** - Macey Johnston And Angelina Szabo, two 5th grade student council members, brought to our attention that the Wish Upon a Star Park needs upgrading and renovation. Because of them we applied for a grant and will be repairing the park in three phases; we will meet with our Department of Public Works Superintendent and our Engineers to see what needs to be done first; thank you ladies. They are also working on a petition so all the kids in town know what you are doing and we appreciate that you are going to help us. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade Avon students had a 4<sup>th</sup> grade celebration last Saturday night, Mayor Klaus, the Police and Fire came and signed autographs as part of the scavenger hunt. The Police also paid for an inflatable obstacle course and Novellas donated coupons for water ice; all was appreciated. Earth day is April 26th; we will meet here at 9 am if anyone wants to help. Barrington Softball opens on Saturday at 10 am; Egg Hunt is the 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at Little League field.

Barrington Day is May 17th 11am – 4pm. Little League opening day was last week and if you attended you saw how nice the fields look and the kitchen upgrades. Thank you to Mike Ciocco, John Z and the DPW employees as they fixed the electric and renovations. Thanks to Steve DePierri for helping out with the new fryers. For our Earth day the Camden County Department of Corrections is teaming up with Barrington to clean the railroad tracks from Gloucester Pike to Austin Avenue. Runnemedede has agreed to co-sponsor the fire works with us this year and we are talking with Bellmawr to do the same.

**COUNCILMAN ROBENOLT** – thanks for coming out tonight. Thanks to all of our departments, Police, Fire and DPW for the outstanding job this year with all of our weather issues. There is a Green Team meeting next Tuesday night and we are still looking for new members if you would like to attend at 7:30 in the Mayor's Office.

**COUNCILMAN DELVECCHIO** – it's been a while since here but thanks to all who sent a card or called when I was in hospital, I really appreciated it; thanks also to Mayor & Council. Have a Happy Easter.

**COUNCILWOMAN BERGERON** – thanks for coming out tonight; so glad spring weather is coming after a hard winter. Can't wait for nice weather so all the pot holes can be fixed. We are working on Government Day which is when the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students spend the day at the Department of Public Works, the Police Department, the Borough offices or the Fire and EMS Company. Hoping to have for ½ day in June; details will follow next month. Barrington Ambulance purchased an ambulance from Haddon Heights and we are working that out.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT POIOLEK** – nice to have Councilman DelVecchio back, you gave us a scare. Extend heartfelt to DPW, Police, Fire and Ambulance for coming together this winter. We had 17 snow storms and everyone pulled together and worked well, thank you. Budget season is here and it's extremely tight, as usual; we hope to have final touches on the budget and introduce it this evening. Meeting held today on the White Horse Pike project with the redeveloper, our municipal engineers and PSE&G; we have our work order in to have the telephone poles relocated, it is all part of the process and it's exciting to be at this juncture. Happy Spring and see you all next month.

**MAYOR KLAUS** – Barrington received Certificates of Achievement from the Camden County JIF for reducing the amount of accidents by 15% or more. Terry Shannon added that Mike DePierri is our Safety Coordinator and we had three consecutive years of decline in the number of claims filed and no lost time claims; a great job by all Department Heads and Uncle Mike. Ms. Shannon also added that a \$900 safety award and a \$500 safety voucher were also awarded for being good. Mayor applauded the efforts as did everyone attending the meeting. Novella's Ice Cream will have a ribbon cutting this Saturday at 10 am, same time as the Softball Opening Day; we hope to make both events. The ABLE Group is taking food donations. It has been a tough winter and not any easier on the less fortunate so keep the donations coming! Thank you Chief Roberts; Chief Houck, Chief Willson, DPW Superintendent Mike Ciocco and Fire Official Steve DePierri. It's been a tough winter but all worked out and we are functioning as usual. Happy Easter everyone.

**COUNCILMAN LUDWIG** – ABSENT

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

PATRICIA DIVITO: 1306-206 Hancock Dr., Willows Apts., thanked Mayor & Council and especially DPW for helping to dispose of her TV. The Willows now has recycling and trash dumpsters in their areas. There is a cat colony at the Willows on Hancock Drive where there are plastic containers and feeding. Also, the other side of Willows at Barr Drive number 7 & 9 with a cat village. If dogs are required to be licensed there are 348 units at Willows and lots are not. Mayor advised that we do try to reach residents that pets are to be vaccinated and licensed. Terry Shannon advised that we had 225 pets registered midway through last year and by years end we had 550; management is supposed to tell residents to register their pets. Ms. DeVito advised that when she complained to management about recycling and trash they gave all residents flyers so maybe she can do the same for pets. Councilwoman Bergeron said we started a trap-neuter-release program and this is supposed to reduce the amount of cats. If neutered and put back procreation is stopped and hopefully this will reduce the amount of cats as other programs did not work. Terry Shannon advised the t TNR program is working the colony on Hancock Drive and the plastic domiciles were built by the program members. Mayor thanked Patricia for her diligence and offer to volunteer if needed.

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

With no further business to be transacted, on a motion by NICHOLSON and BERGERON the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.

ATTEST: *Terry Shannon*  
Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk