#### **BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON**

#### MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 13, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.

#### COUNCIL ROOM AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

A regular monthly Council Meeting of the Borough of Barrington was held on May 13, 2014, at 6:00 pm in the Council Room at the Barrington Municipal Building, with Mayor Robert Klaus presiding.

<u>CALL TO ORDER:</u> 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- absentPopiolek- presentNicholson- presentBergeron- presentRobenolt- presentDelVecchio- absent

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

<u>PROCLAMATIONS</u>: National Police Appreciation Week May 11 through May 17 as read by Councilwoman Bergeron; Emergency Medical Services Week May 18 through May 24 as read by Council President Popiolek and presented to Ambulance Chief Barbara Willson; National Public Works Week May 18 through May 24 as read by Mayor Klaus and presented to DPW Superintendent Mike Ciocco; May as Older Americans Month read by Mayor Klaus; National Military Appreciation Month May 1 through June 14 as ready by Mayor Klaus.

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</u> Mayor Klaus noted that Council has reviewed the minutes of the March 11, 2014, caucus meeting and the April 8, 2014, council and special meetings and asked if there were any corrections. Seeing no corrections, on a Motion by ROBENOLT and BERGERON the minutes of the March 11, caucus meeting and the April 8, 2014, council and special meetings were approved as submitted by all members of Council present.

#### **MOTION IS CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR PROMOTION**: The Municipal Clerk read the following Resolution for approval by Members of Council present:

<u>RESOLUTION NO. 5-2014-41</u>: RESOLUTION PROMOTING FRANCESCO (MIKE) MINARDI TO THE POSITION OF POLICE SERGEANT FOR A SIX (6) MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD BEGINNING MAY 13, 2014

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

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

# **RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED**

Sergeant Minardi was sworn into office by Mayor Klaus and Councilwoman Bergeron.

<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>: The Municipal Clerk read a summary of the April 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 April 2014, 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. 1018: 2014 SALARY ORDINANCE FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS

ORDINANCE NO. 1019: PROVIDING FOR PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE FROM THE BOROUGH OF HADDON HEIGHTS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SALE

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

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

### ORDINANCES ARE APPROVED ON FIRST READING

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

**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. 5-2014-42: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF HADDON HEIGHTS RELATIVE TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2014-43: PERMANENTLY APPOINTING DAVID ROBERTS TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2014-44: PERMANENTLY APPOINTING MICHAEL DRUMM TO THE POSITION OF LIEUTENANT

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2014-45: TO AFFIRM THE CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON FOR ALL EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, VOLUNTEERS, CONTRACTORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2014-46: AWARDING A CONTRACT TO PYROTECNICO FOR A FIREWORKS DISPLAY

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2014-47: APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH CHIEF OF POLICE DAVID ROBERTS

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2014-48: AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE RELATIVE TO THE SERVICES OF A CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2014-49: AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE RELATIVE TO THE SERVICES OF A TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2014-50: AUTHORIZING THE BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE AT TIME OF PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2014-51: APPROVING THE MAY BILL LIST – TOTAL \$ 4,613,187.53

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

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

#### **RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED**

<u>PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET</u>: On a motion by BERGERON and ROBENOLT the public hearing on the 2014 Municipal Budget was opened. 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.

Seeing no public comment, on a motion by NICHOLSON and BERGERON, the public hearing was closed.

The Clerk read the following resolution for approval:

### RESOLUTION NO 5-2014-52: TO ADOPT THE 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

On a motion by BERGERON and POPIOLEK the Resolution was approved with the following poll vote:

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

#### THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED

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

**COUNCILWOMAN BERGERON** – congratulated the Chief and Lieutenant for their permanent appointments, it's a pleasure working with both of you and asked them to please congratulate Sgt. Minardi for her. Congratulations to DPW for the great job they do, congratulations Kirk for getting budget passed, it's hard work and difficult. Congratulations to Barb Willson on purchase of ambulance.

COUNCILWOMAN NICHOLSON – congratulated to Dave Roberts, Mike Drumm and Mike Minardi. Barrington Day is this Saturday, lots of work goes into planning this day including help from Mike Ciocco and DPW, Dave Roberts and Police Dept., Steve DePierri form Regional Fire Alliance, Barbara Willson and the Ambulance Association and Jason Houck and the Fire Company. Thank you all for your support of this day. During the event there will be a baseball game between Barrington and the North Camden Little League. We will collect new and used equipment for the Camden teams; they have over 500 kids signed up and are in need of equipment. The Councilwoman has started a Community Partnership with other towns where we will reach out to share events and ideas; this is one of the new partnerships. Lt. Drumm, a coach from Barrington Little League and the Councilwoman will attend North Camden's opening day; anyone else is welcome to attend. Memorial Day is May 26 with Barrington Band beginning at 9:30 am. Our guest speaker is Barrington resident

Senior Airman Shaun Ferguson; Shaun is also a member of the Barrington Fire Company. The Fire Company Memorial Day services will begin 9 am the same day.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT POPIOLEK** – thanks all for your support with the budget, every year is more difficult. This budget represents countless hours of hard work by our department heads. We appreciate their hard work and understanding. Municipal spending has increased by a little more than \$20,000; that includes contractual salary increases. The tax rate will jump up about 6 cents mainly due to tax appeals; there are 63. The average town our size usually has about 4 or 5 tax appeals a year; we are working hard to rectify that. That is the difficult explanation of why we need more of your hard earned dollars each quarter. Had our value not dropped by \$7 million and we multiplied our tax rate we would have a surplus of about \$725,000; that just goes to show the state we are in. We have an awesome tax assessor with lots of good ideas. We will bring our town back to where it should be as far a tax assessments go. Congratulations to all who received proclamations today. Everyone in town works extremely hard including our CFO in different towns as does our Clerk. Thanks especially to the Police as their report shows they are running hard. We appreciate it, and congratulations on permanency to the Chief as well as Lt. Drumm. Promoting Sgt. Minardi is continuing the Class A Department we have. Enjoy your spring!

**COUNCILMAN ROBENOLT** – congratulations to Dave Robert, Mike Drumm and to Mike Minardi as well. You do an excellent job; it's not missed even though sometimes it may seem like it is. Same to the rest of Department Heads and Emergency Management; it's easy to overlook the efforts that are given but it is appreciated by everyone up here. Thanks to our staff, we appreciate the effort they put out. We are still looking for Green Team members so if you are interested please come out. Please come out and support Barrington Day.

MAYOR KLAUS — congratulations to Dave, Mike and Francesco. Thanks to all of our officers, we have a great unit and they do a great job. There is not business before the Planning Board this month so the May 19 meeting is cancelled. There is an Emergency Management meeting on Thursday, June 15 at 7 pm. Food distribution is June 7; please call the borough the week before if you need food. Encourage people you know who are struggling and in need of help to call the borough hall, it's not a lot of help but it can keep them going for a while! Congrats to Mike Ciocco for DPW week. If you consider the money received for recycling that is money we don't need to put out from taxes for his equipment, that's a great job! Thanks Council President Popiolek and CFO Denise Moules and all of our Department Heads for helping with the budget his year; doing their diligence and keeping the taxes down as best they can. It is a difficult job, thanks all again. Barrington Day is Saturday. Enjoy the nice weather while it lasts.

# **COUNCILMAN LUDWIG** – ABSENT

#### **COUNCILMAN DELVECCHIO** – ABSENT

<u>PUBLIC PORTION:</u> 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.

Seeing no comments from the public, on a motion by POPIOLEK and BERGERON, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

With no further business to be transacted, on a motion by NICHOLSON and ROBENOLT the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.

ATTEST: Terry Shannon

Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk