

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON  
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL ROOM AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular monthly Council Meeting of the Borough of Barrington was held on September 9, 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:

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

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

Councilman Ludwig arrived later in the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mayor Klaus noted that Council was provided with a copy of the printed minutes of the August 12, 2014, council meeting and asked if there were any corrections. Seeing no corrections, on a Motion by ROBENOLT and BERGERON, the minutes were approved as submitted by all members of Council present.

**MOTION IS CARRIED**

**PROCLAMATIONS OF THE MAYOR:** Mayor Klaus read the following proclamations into the record.

September 19 as POW/MIA Day and September 11 as Patriot Day/National Day of Service.

Mayor Klaus then announced that September is also Ovarian Cancer Awareness month, Prostate Cancer Awareness month and Alcohol and Drug Addiction Awareness month.

Councilman Robenolt read the proclamation designating October as Fire Prevention Month.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The Municipal Clerk read a summary of the August 2014, monthly reports as submitted by Chief Dave Roberts for Police; Chief Jason Houck for Fire Company; Chief Barbara Willson for Ambulance/EMS; Fire Official Steve DePierri for Regional Fire Prevention; Superintendent Michael J. Ciocco for Department of Public Works and Tax Collector Kristy Emmett for Tax and Sewer Collections. On a Motion by NICHOLSON and POPIOLEK, the monthly reports for August 2014, were approved as submitted by all members of Council present.

**MOTION IS CARRIED**

**RESOLUTIONS OF APPOINTMENT:** Clerk Shannon read the following resolutions into the record.

**RESOLUTION 9-2014-85: APPOINTING PATRICK D'ASCENZO TO THE POSITION OF POLICE PATROLMAN FOR A ONE YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**

**RESOLUTION 9-2014-86: APPOINTING DANIEL R. MULHERN TO THE POSITION OF POLICE PATROLMAN FOR A ONE YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**

**RESOLUTION 9-2014-87: APPOINTING STEPHEN A. RABENA TO THE POSITION OF CLASS II SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER**

On a Motion by ROBENOLT and NICHOLSON the Resolutions appointing the new officers were approved with the following poll vote:

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

**SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS:**

Mayor Klaus proceeded to swear in Patrick D’Ascenzo as Patrolman and Stephen Rabena as Class II Special Officer with Chief Roberts and Lieutenant Drumm and their families in attendance. Daniel Mulhern had not yet arrived.

**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. 1025: AMENDING CHAPTER 29, POLICE DEPARTMENT, IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON**

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

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

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

PAUL GROSS 346 Tavistock Blvd., began to speak but Mayor Klaus informed him that this public hearing is just on this ordinance and the general open portion will be later in this meeting.

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

On a Motion by BERGERON and POPIOLEK, Ordinance 1025 was adopted with the following poll vote:

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

**ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED**

Councilman Ludwig arrived to the meeting at 6:16 pm.

**SWEARING IN OF OFFICER:**

As Daniel Mulhern arrived to the meeting, at this time he was sworn in as a Patrolman by Mayor Klaus with Chief Roberts, Lieutenant Drumm and his family in attendance.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 1026: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 120, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON**

On a Motion by NICHOLSON and LUDWIG, the Ordinance as read was approved with the following poll vote:

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

Mayor Klaus announced that the public hearing on above ordinance will be held during the October 14 Council meeting.

**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. 9-2014-88: CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION PROJECT AND CONTRACT WITH RTW CONSTRUCTION**

**RESOLUTION 9-2014-89: WAIVING THE BOROUGH FEE FOR THE TOWN WIDE YARD SALE**

**RESOLUTION 9-2014-90: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Construction of the Bell Avenue Extension Jug-handle on the White Horse Pike (N.J.S.H. Route 30)**

**RESOLUTION 9-2014-91: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMERCE DRIVE, PHASE 2, FROM PHASE 1 TO SHREVE AVENUE**

**RESOLUTION 9-2014-92: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE BIKEWAYS ALONG EAST ATLANTIC AVENUE**

**RESOLUTION 9-2014-93: APPOINTING THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**

**RESOLUTION 9-2014-94: APPOINTING THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION 9-2014-95: AUTHORIZING REFUND OF STREET OPENING ESCROW**

**RESOLUTION NO. 9-2014-96: AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES AND PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE FOR 2014-2015**

**RESOLUTION NO. 9-2014-97: APPROVING THE AUGUST BILL LIST – TOTAL \$ 3,457,771.75**

**RESOLUTION 9-2014-98: AUTHORIZING CLOSED SESSION**

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

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

**RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED**

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

**COUNCILWOMAN BERGERON** – congratulated the new officers and welcomed them to Barrington.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT POPIOLEK** – congratulated the new officers; welcomed to town. I'm sure you will enjoy it; anything you need call on the Governing Body, we are always happy to help. With reference to the White Horse Pike redevelopment project, the redeveloper has received asbestos certification, or lack thereof, from their environmental engineer and they can now proceed with the demolition of the BokBok Fresh building. The Council President made notifications so the Fire Company can coordinate with the demolition company to practice at that building site. The Council President hopes to have more exciting news for all next month. September is here and school is in session so please drive extra safe.

**COUNCILMAN ROBENOLT** – congratulated the new officers. Said the Chief and Lieutenant had great candidates and these guys beat out some stiff competition, we look forward to you being part of the department. The court is up and running in Oaklyn as part of our Shared Service agreement. If you have any questions see Councilman Robenolt or Councilman Ludwig and we will help you out in the transition.

**COUNCILWOMAN NICHOLSON** – congratulations and welcome aboard, Barrington is a great town. Great job Chief and Lieutenant, you had wonderful candidates. Town wide Yard sale is September 27; the \$10 permit fee will go towards the TNR program to help take care of the feral cats and kittens. Harvest Festival is October 11, if you want to volunteer please see the Councilwoman; we need volunteers. Support the Fire Company at their open house in October.

**COUNCILMAN LUDWIG** – welcome aboard, this department has been waiting for you for a long time. The one thing he asked the new officers to do is to care for this town as much as the guys you will be working with. The Chief and Lieutenant take pride in the officers and you have become a part of something special. There is a lot to learn and we are here to give you support and wish you luck.

**MAYOR KLAUS** – welcome aboard. The pool drawn from was very impressive and the three best are here with us now. As the Council President said school is open, watch our children. Shop Rite has invited ABLE Group members to help them bag food for the hungry on September 17. The ABLE Group will start up again in September with a meeting on Tuesday, 23 at 630 pm. The fall meeting of the Barrington Historical Society is Sunday, September 14 at 2:30 pm in the Senior Center, all are welcome. Chief and Mike thank you for what you brought to us, it will make a big difference I am sure.

Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon announced that there is a special meeting with the Page Avenue residents with the Public Safety Department here tomorrow night at 6 pm; it should last about ½ hour.

**COUNCILMAN DELVECCHIO** – 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 ROBENOLT the public portion of the meeting was opened.

PAUL GROSS, 346 Tavistock Blvd--was on website and several pages of the Budget are sideways and cannot be read; can this be corrected. He also said that the state has quite a few findings that will amount to significant savings to this borough; we have many empty homes. Councilman Ludwig said a lot of money that should be coming to Barrington has not been coming from the state and this is the big problem; money to local municipalities is not forthcoming. Mayor Klaus advised that we do more shared services to save funds than any other town around; we are very pro-active. Mr. Gross is not in favor of tax breaks for new businesses. Councilman Popiolek advised that the PILOT program benefits our borough because we keep 95% of the revenue where a regular tax bill gets split up between the School Board, the County, the Library, and the Open Space. Our share of that pot would be about 43%; by structuring a PILOT we get to keep more of that money in our

town, 95%, and the county gets 5%. The School Board and the Borough are both deserving but what we are building has no impact to the Schools. Councilwoman Nicholson asked when the school Board meeting is and advised Mr. Gross it is on Monday night. Mr. Gross asked if we are shared services with police and was informed that we are Mutual Aid and the towns support each other when needed; he said we have a low crime rate and the Chief thanked him. Mr. Gross thinks the report is incorrect as the surrounding towns are higher; Chief Roberts said we are Pro-Active on our streets. He is also concerned about the stop sign at Copley where no one stops. Mr. Gross was thanked for his comments

LEN KEENAN, 124 Albany--asked when the shredding event was and was advised it is the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month.

DIANE SCHREIER, 212 Nassau Dr--congratulated the new officers and asked if Class II was part time. She was advised yes and the other two new officers are full time.

Seeing no more comments from the public, on a motion by NICHOLSON and ROBENOLT the public portion of the meeting was closed.

With no further business to be transacted in open session, on a motion by POPIOLEK and NICHOLSON the meeting was adjourned to go into closed session at 6:44 pm.

ATTEST: Terry Shannon  
Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk