

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 10, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL ROOM AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular monthly Council Meeting of the Borough of Barrington was held on March 10, 2015, at 6:00 pm in the Council Room at the Barrington Municipal Building, with Mayor 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 (late)	Popiolek	- yes
Nicholson	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Robenolt	- yes	Rink	- yes

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Klaus noted that Council was provided with a copy of the printed minutes of the January 6, 2015, Caucus meeting and asked if there were any corrections. Seeing no corrections, on a Motion by POPIOLEK and RINK, the Caucus minutes were approved as submitted by all members of Council present. Council was provided with a copy of the printed minutes of the February 10, 2015, Council meeting. Seeing no corrections, on a Motion by POPIOLEK and ROBENOLT, the printed Council minutes were approved as submitted by all members of Council present with abstention by Nicholson and Bergeron as they were not at the meeting.

MOTION IS CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Municipal Clerk read a summary of the February 2015, monthly reports as submitted by Chief Dave Roberts for Police; Chief C. Jason Houck for Fire Company; Chief Barbara Willson for Ambulance/EMS; Tax Collector Kristy Emmett for Tax and Sewer Collections; Superintendent Michael J. Ciocco for Department of Public Works; Fire Official Steve DePierri for Regional Fire Prevention; Construction Official John Szczerbinski for Construction; and Court Administrator Catherine Lawson for Court.

On a Motion by NICHOLSON and BERGERON, the monthly reports 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 2015-1032: ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE 2014-1020 OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 2015-1033: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 101, SEWERS, IN THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

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

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

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

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

On a Motion by BERGERON and RINK, the ordinances were adopted with the following poll vote:

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

ORDINANCES ADOPTED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1034: CALENDAR YEAR 2015 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

ORDINANCE NO. 1035: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ARTICLE III IN CHAPTER 48, ANIMALS

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

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

Mayor Klaus announced that these ordinances will be considered for adoption after proper advertisement and a public hearing to be held during the April 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. 3-2015-35: AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2015-36: AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR RECREATION FACILITY ENHANCEMENT FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WISH UPON STAR PARK

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2014-37: AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR YEAR 37 CDBG FUNDING

RESOLUTION 3-2015-38: AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTENDING THE ADOPTION DATE OF THE 2015 BUDGET

RESOLUTION 3-2015-39: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON AND BARRINGTON URBAN RENEWAL REDEVELOPMENT, LLC FOR THE WHITE HORSE PIKE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2014-40: CHANGE ORDER NO. 4, SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM REHAB PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2015-41: AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2014-42: AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF A WAIVER OF COMPENSATION FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2014-43: AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2014-44: AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK FOR A DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2014-45: AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A FORD TRANSIT VEHICLE UNDER STATE CONTRACT

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2015-46: APPROVING THE FEBRUARY BILL LIST – TOTAL \$ 1,448,843.05

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	Rink	- yes

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY:

COUNCILWOMAN NICHOLSON – Barrington Day will be held on May 16 from 11am-4pm at the Little League Field on Shreve Ave; the rain date is May 17. Memorial Day services will be held at the War Memorials at the Borough Municipal Building on April 25, Barrington Band presents patriotic music at 9:30 am; assembly at 9:45 am and services begin at 10 am. We are trying to get veteran and current N.J. State Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez as our guest speaker. The Barrington Fire Company Memorial Day services will be at the station beginning at 9 am if you can go to them also. The Wish Upon a Star Park is going to be repaired through a grant; we are in need of ideas and input from our residents; a meeting date sometime in March will follow; we hope to have state Sen. Cruz-Perez come out too. We are happy to see that Kaffe Korner is now open from 6 am during the week and 8 am on Saturday and Sunday. Barrington’s Earth Day will be held on Saturday March 25; bags, gloves and rakes can be picked up at the Avon School at 9 am; if you need a location to clean up please see Eileen. After cleanup please attend the First Annual Green Fair/Science Fair being held at Woodland School. Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 28 at 11 am at Little League field on Shreve Ave; it is sponsored by the Women’s League. Little League Opening day is April 11, Softball opening day is April 18. Glad to see nicer weather, Mike Ciocco and DPW did a fabulous job with the snow storms. The deadline for Barrington on Track is March 31.

COUNCILMAN RINK – Councilwoman Nicholson said a lot but I am waiting to hear from the Barrington Business Association for date and place of the next meeting; the Councilman will try to get businesses to display at the Green Fair table top display if possible. Thanks for coming out tonight.

COUNCILMAN ROBENOLT – welcomes and thanks for coming out tonight. As mentioned, April 25 will be Barrington’s first Green Fair. We are having a joint venture with the students at Woodland School. Science and art projects will be displayed centered on “going green”. We hope to have vendors out to show the parents ways to “go green”, the kids will put on a presentation and the school administration will judge. Thanks to all emergency services for their efforts during snow storms. DPW did great job.

COUNCILWOMAN BERGERON – welcome all. We are excited that the weather is getting nice. Echoed Councilwoman Nicholson’s comments on the excellent job DPW has done with snow removal. Pot holes are bad all over; I know DPW will take care of them soon. The TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) team will be applying for a grant to help with the cats; this is a great, dedicated volunteer group and they do an excellent job.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT POPIOLEK – **welcome** all and thanks for taking time out to be here tonight. DPW has done an excellent job with all the snow and ice, thank you. What DPW does makes the roads clear for Police, Fire and EMS to do their jobs; thank you all. White Horse Pike project should get into full gear now with spring coming; enjoy spring.

MAYOR KLAUS – kudo’s to Councilwoman Nicholson, there is a lot going on and we appreciate all she does. Timing is everything for DPW and they did a great job with the storms and decisions made. The Barrington Business Association (BBA) is doing a great job. they are trying to get more businesses involved and back into the loop; Council President Popiolek is involved with that. The TNR Team is all volunteers and what they do takes lots of time. They made traps, cages and work very hard – all volunteers. The Police, Fire and Ambulance did a great job with the storms and ice, it wasn’t easy for anybody. Thanks to all of our departments for their work. Enjoy the nice weather that’s coming. Thank you all for coming out tonight, we appreciate it.

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

KYLE LAWRENCE, 3 Lawrence Ave, asked status of building where Harvey’s was; nothing has been done in months and he was promised “some things including a new fence” by the owner. Mayor Klaus asked that whatever was promised to Mr. Lawrence for him to write it down and get it to us so we can bring it to the owner’s attention. As far as scheduling and times we don’t have that yet. Mr. Lawrence asked about the process and Mayor advised that the person purchases the property and comes before the Planning Board for approvals; most times there is no timing factor. The owner can also sell the property with all the approvals he has received; it is up to the owner. The owner does have escrow in his account; Council President Popiolek said he is not in violation; he has to be a good neighbor. Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon added that taxes are being paid on the land. Mayor again asked for a list of some sort of what was promised.

KATHY MCDONALD – 2 Ashley Ct, speaking on behalf of Mr. Lawrence. The Lawrence’s bought the house when Harvey’s was there and in early stage of development. There were great intentions but still nothing done since 2010. The Lawrence’s paid \$212,000 for their house. Unfortunately, taxes are a big problem in our town. Ms. McDonald came to see what can be done as a group, in town and as a realtor. She has twenty persons she is pulling comps for tax appeals, most people owe more than their houses are worth, this is all over town. Their assessments are higher than their houses will sell for; our values are too high. Our certificate of occupancy is the worst other than Gloucester City, it is stringent; contractors won’t by distressed property due to this. She is asking for help and suggestions. Take a look at certificate of occupancy and see if something can be done with it so repairs will be made by older homeowners. She will continue to fight this certificate of occupancy. Mayor Klaus advised that we are working on the tax problem; the rate we have is not adequate. It will be handled by a desktop re-evaluation. As far as the CO’s, that program will stay in place. Anyone selling a house must either take care of the house or negotiate something with the buyer and through a temporary CO be taken care of. As far as the abandoned properties we have established an ordinance that demands that whoever owns the properties list them as being abandoned; they are charged a fee that increases every year. Either owners take care of the property or we do through property maintenance; that is what the fees are for. As far as someone who owns a property and wants to develop it and can’t afford to at this time, we have no recourse to go after them as long as everything is in place, and it is at this time.

COUNCILMAN LUDWIG – arrived at 6:35 pm

PHYLICIA ROBENOLT, 114 E. Williams Ave and business owner at 120 Clements Bridge Rd., thanks to Mike and DPW, phenomenal job on all the roads and municipal lots, they were clean and ready to be used.

MIKE CIOCCO – Supt. DPW, thanks all for nice comments. The department as a whole has people on call and we use a weather service, it's been challenging; the roads took a beating as well as the parking lots. Mayor Klaus asked if the county has responded to the pot holes on CBR and Gloucester Pike. Mike said they were out today, on their own; if you watch the news, pot holes are everywhere, it is a big priority to have repaired. For Barrington Commerce Drive is the biggest for pot holes right now.

EILEEN HOLCOMBE, Asst. to Mayor & Council - advised that the County Freeholders meeting is April 16 at 5 pm in the Council room. Mayor said to come out and speak with the Freeholders. He again advised that March 31 is deadline for BOT article submissions.

With no further comments from the public, on a motion by NICHOLSON and POPIOLEK the public portion of the meeting was closed.

With no further business to be transacted, on a motion by BERGERON and ROBENOLT the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

ATTEST: *Terry Shannon*
Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk