

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
May 12, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL ROOM AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular monthly Council Meeting of the Borough of Barrington was held on May 12, 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	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Nicholson	- yes	Bergeron	- absent
Robenolt	- yes	Rink	- yes

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

Mayor Klaus called for a moment of silence to remember Kristina Willson, wife of Police Sgt. Andy Willson, who passed away suddenly last week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Klaus noted that Council was provided with a copy of the printed minutes of the April 15, 2015, Council meeting and asked if there were any corrections. Seeing no corrections, on a Motion by ROBENOLT and RINK, the minutes were approved as submitted by all members of Council present.

MOTION IS CARRIED

PROCLAMATIONS OF THE MAYOR: National Police Week as read by Councilman Robenolt; National Public Works Week as read by Councilman Ludwig; Emergency Medical Services Week and National Military Appreciation Month as read by Mayor Klaus.

Mayor Klaus brought attention to the first three proclamations and advised Police, Public Works and Emergency Services that although we don't always show our appreciation for all the hard work you do but we all depend on you and you do a great job.

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

On a Motion by NICHOLSON and POPIOLEK, the monthly reports were approved as submitted by all members of Council present.

MOTION IS CARRIED

RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT:

RESOLUTION 5-2015-59: APPOINTING STEPHEN A. RABENA TO THE POSITION OF PATROLMAN FOR THE BARRINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

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

RESOLUTION APPROVED

Officer Rabena was administered the Oath of Office by Mayor Klaus with the officers’ father at his side.

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. 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. 1036: ARTICLE VII., CHICKENS, TO CHAPTER 48, ANIMALS, IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

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

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

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

PAUL GROSS, 146 Tavistock Blvd – began to ask a question about the Budget but was advised by the Mayor this public hearing is just on these ordinances and there will be another public hearing on the Budget.

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

On a Motion by POPIOLEK and NICHOLSON, the ordinances were adopted with the following poll vote:

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

ORDINANCES WERE 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. 1037: FIXING THE 2015 COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 1038: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 46, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

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

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

Mayor Klaus announced that the ordinances will be considered for adoption after proper advertisement and a public hearing to be held during the June 9 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 5-2015-60: AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF TAVISTOCK AND BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON RELATIVE TO BARRINGTON PROVIDING OFFICE SUPPORT SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2015-61: RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2015-62: REFUND OF HOMESTEAD REBATE BENEFITS

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2015-63: AWARDING A CONTRACT TO PYROTECNICO FOR A FIREWORKS DISPLAY

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2015-64: AWARDING A CONTRACT TO WINCHESTER ROOFING

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2015-65: CHANGE ORDER NO. 5, RTW CONSTRUCTION

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2015-66: AUTHORIZING THE BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE AT TIME OF PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2015-67: AUTHORIZING LOCAL EXAMINATION OF THE 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2015-68: AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH CAMDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY TO PERFORM AN ARCHITECTURAL STUDY OF THE FIREHOUSE/AMBULANCE BUILDING

RESOLUTION 5-2015-69: APPROVING THE MAY BILL LIST – TOTAL \$ 2,294,799.65

RESOLUTION 5-2015-70: WAIVING CERTAIN BOROUGH FEES

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

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

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET: On a motion by NICHOLSON and ROBENOLT the public hearing on the 2015 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

PAUL GROSS, 146 Tavistock Blvd., questioned the number of Borough employees, 68, as reported in the newspaper, as compared to boroughs in the surrounding communities. Mayor Klaus advised that we are actually shorthanded; the women in the office do double duty on everything. Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon advised that the number includes part time, crossing guards, temporary, seasonal; every single person who is on payroll; we only have about 35 employees who are full time. The numbers Mr. Gross presented from other towns seem to possibly be only full time employees. Mayor Klaus advised that we cannot help that they may not be reporting their part time people. He questioned the debt service which has gone up about \$400,000 and asked why. The Mayor asked the Borough CFO, Denise Moules, to reply and she advised that a five year capital plan was put into place with permanent financing and we also have PILOT agreements to offset some of that the increase. It is looking at a five year plan going forward and putting in place permanent financing now because the rates are so low. Mr. Gross also said if we are having another reval please take Vital Communications completely off the table. Mayor Klaus and Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon advised that they are off the table! Mayor replied that we realized the situation caused by Vital Communications, we have a new tax assessor and we will do this in house. Municipal Clerk Shannon advised that we will not do this until 2016 for the 2017 tax bills.

KENNETH WILLSON, 19 W. Gloucester Pike, asked if we put in the paper how small the borough’s portion of the collected taxes are when there is actually less than 25% that actually goes to the borough. More than half goes to the schools and then the county gets more than the borough does and we get a lot less services from the county than we do from the town. Councilwoman Nicholson thanked him. Mayor Klaus said he is correct. The biggest problem is that when someone comes in to appeal their taxes and it gets reduced, we still have to pay our portion no matter what to the school and to the county; it is a “catch 22” for us. Mr. Willson commended Mayor & Council on what they get done with the little bit of money they get.

Seeing no more public comments, on a motion by ROBENOLT and NICHOLSON, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by POPIOLEK and LUDIWG the resolution to adopt the 2015 Municipal Budget was approved with the following poll vote.

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

THE BUDGET IS ADOPTED.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY:

COUNCILWOMAN NICHOLSON – advised that this Saturday, May 16 is Barrington Day from 11am-4pm at the Little League field. Barrington Little League will be playing against the North Camden team and after the game they will receive equipment donations from Barrington; it is a great community service project for both cities; we are a partner and supporter with North Camden. May 25th is Memorial Day with services beginning at 9am at the Fire House and 10 am at the Borough. Senator Cruz-Perez will be our guest speaker; Barrington Band will begin playing music at 9:30 am. School will be out soon so watch for kids on the streets. Thanks all for the hard work on the budget. Ken Willson was right on; we are at minimal staff; we do double duty and we have many shared services. We have a Volunteer Fire Department, small Police department, small DPW considering all they do. Our parks, fields, roads are all good, our town is beautiful. Thanks Denise, Eileen, Terry and all Department Heads. Good job everyone.

COUNCILMAN RINK – nothing to report but welcome all to meeting tonight and the Councilman is happy for Patrolman Rabena.

COUNCILMAN LUDWIG – about the budget, it is difficult. It's important that the money comes back to local communities not corporate America. When you go over the budget item by item you can really see how the taxpayer is being hurt. Try to come to Barrington Day, it is a good day for families and kids and it's a good day for the community. Congratulations to Steve Rabena. The Public Safety Committee, Council and the Chief took a long look at bringing guys in and the Councilman is glad to see that we are promoting youth.

COUNCILMAN ROBENOLT – welcome all. Chief please pass along our congratulations to Steve Rabena, I'm sure he will continue to do a good job. With the retirement of Deputy Chief Drumm we are not increasing our staff but they will remain the same. Mike Drumm gave many fine years of service to the Borough and he will be missed. The Councilman asked Chief Houck if our fire truck made it safely the rest of the way and he was advised that it did; one of our fire trucks is being refurbished and there was an incident when it was leaving but all is ok now. Everybody come out and enjoy Barrington Day.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT POPIOLEK – welcome everyone and thanks for coming out tonight. On behalf of the Popiolek family our condolences to the Willson family on the loss of their wife, mother, daughter in law. I know it has been tough and we will continue to keep your family in our prayers. Thanks all department heads for your hard work on the budget. As all have echoed, the budget gets tighter and tighter each year. Along with our CFO Denise Moules, the Council President personally went through every single line item looking to see where we can adjust and cut. In order for the budget to be cut any more than what we have it would come down to eliminating employees. We feel that we are at a bare minimum; our staff levels are at an all-time low; if we reduce our workforce our services to the residents would be significantly impacted. Everything that happens in this municipality, with the exception of the schools, is taken care of by the local purpose tax which is a mere speck on the tax bill. We appreciate your understanding and we are always open to your suggestions. The White Horse Pike is going well; we have good weather so lots of work is being done. The WAWA pad site is ready; the roadway is going in now. Century Kitchens are improving their façade, it's neat to see; it's the whole flavor or redevelopment, it's supposed to be contagious. Thanks to KEI Engineers for all the hard work to get us where we are with the project. Paving of the new jug handle will be soon and by the end of the month the DOT improvements with the right hand turn lane will commence. Traffic will be a nightmare but will pay off in the long run. Enjoy Barrington Day, Memorial Day and your families.

MAYOR KLAUS – advised that letters to the residents of Bell Ave and the businesses along that corridor did go out telling them that construction is going to start and probably take until September to be completed, we are on our way. Listed on the agenda was Older Americans Month and we will postpone that until next month. This Friday May 15th is our first Centennial Meeting at 6 pm in this council room. Mayor also congratulated Steven Rabena on his promotion and said the Chief was really excited that he was going to be promoted; that means a lot. Mayor Klaus also expressed his condolences to Ken Willson and the entire family. Another reminder that Barrington Day is Saturday, it's a great time with lots of entertainment and things to do; it is for Barrington residents where the Harvest Festival is for people who come in from everywhere. WE hope to see all of you for Memorial Day for our celebration. We have services out back and the Fire Company prior to the Borough's services.

COUNCILWOMAN BERGERON - absent

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

MIKE CAMPANA, 228 W. Gloucester Pike, about the truck issue with speeding on West Gloucester Pike. Nothing is being done about the speeding. The Chief advised that they have not stopped too many trucks there but have stopped cars. Mayor Klaus, Council President Popiolek, Councilwoman Nicholson and Councilman Ludwig, along with Chief Roberts, all addressed Mr. Campana's concerns. Mr. Campana would like more signs

up for trucks and have someone tell Fed Ex that this is a residential street. Mayor said this is a county road and it is for commerce—we cannot stop trucks from using it. It is the borough's responsibility to police it. Mr. Campana wants to know how many of the tickets written are for Gloucester Pike. Have 18 wheelers been stopped? Do the people on Gloucester Pike have to live with it? Councilman Ludwig asked if tickets were written on Gloucester Pike and the Chief advised that most tickets were written for cars. There are officers out there; Chief said they are running radar and it doesn't matter if a car or a truck; we are out there every time Mr. Campana ask us and more. Mr. Campana said this has been a problem for years, more than ten years. In the end it was decided that the Chief will address Mr. Campana's issues and we may do another traffic study.

PAUL DEAL AND MANAGER BOB VANSCIVER, 241 White Horse Pike, seeking relief for their business, Time Out Sports Bar. They think the WAWA project is great but is there an explanation as to why there is a median barricade put up; people cannot turn into their business. Greg Evans, of KEI Engineers, said it is a DOT requirement for it to be up. They said their business is being impacted; they are losing business. Council President addressed them as did Greg Evans from KEI. Mr. Evans said we can reach out to DOT as the owners said their clients cannot make a left turn onto the White Horse Pike, and they are losing clients. Mayor Klaus said the removal of the jughandle needed to be done for the project to be completed. Council President Popiolek advised that this is not permanent and that the roads are not borough roads but state roads. If we are improving their roadway for this project we have to do what they require. Deal and Vansciver said resident and business owners should be listened to also, especially with the taxes they pay. It is their second year, they are starting to grow and the road is closed; this is hurting their business, four months closure is a long time. Paul and Bob said they found out from Mr. Patel about the work, they did not receive a letter. It was because the letter went to the property owner, Sam Ross, not the bar owner. Mayor asked if they knew about the project before they took over and they said yes but didn't think it would be four months and put him out of business. Council President Popiolek said it is not our intention to put anyone out of business. The Council President said we will reach out to the DOT, and he would like more information from them. The manager Bob asked if there is any relief they can get from the borough or redeveloper. Mr. Patel received compensation from the gas company last time they closed because he lost customers. Council President will ask redevelopers but the borough does not get involved with that. He said the Police Chief, Fire and Ambulance Chief will also speak with DOT about emergency access. Mayor Klaus advised to give their contact information to Clerk Shannon.

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

With no further business to be transacted, on a motion by NICHOLSON and POPIOLEK the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

APPROVED: Terry Shannon
Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk