

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON**  
**CAUCUS MINUTES (Synopsis), Tuesday, June 1, 2015**

Mayor Klaus called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with the reading of the Sunshine Statement. He then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called roll with the following present: Council President Popiolek, Councilman Robenolt and Councilman Ludwig. Councilwoman Bergeron, Councilwoman Nicholson and Councilman Rink were absent. Also present were CFO Denise Moules, Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon, Eileen Holcombe, Secretary to Mayor and Council, Solicitor Paul Gilligan and Engineer Greg Evans.

**First Public Portion**—on a motion by Councilman Robenolt second by Councilman Ludwig, the public portion of the meeting was opened. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Council President Popiolek, second by Councilman Ludwig, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

**Engineer: Greg Evans reported on the following**

Action items—we will be awarding or rejecting bids to be received June 4 for solid waste/recyclable collection services; we have voucher No. 9 and change order No. 6 for RTW Construction; draw No. 4 and change order No. 1 for Delco.

Greg then reviewed the monthly engineer's report and provided updates on the following:

- We met onsite with the Camden County Open Space committee to review the project.
- The Mayor received a letter from NJDOT that they are unable to fund the street improvement projects.
- FY2014 funding for Kent Ave will commence mid-July.
- Thomas Ave project is starting the curb next week and we anticipate them wrapping up in the next two weeks and then they will move over to the Willows.
- Regarding Mr. Campana's complaints about traffic on Gloucester Pike, the police did a traffic survey. It appears that there now is a speeding issue. The report provides a lot of information as to time of day and speed travelled. They surveyed from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>. It is clear that there is speeding occurring. The Mayor said it will now be up to the police to handle enforcement. Greg said he will email the Chief their conclusions based on the review of the survey results. Councilman Ludwig said he personally witnessed four FedEx trucks speeding in the morning.

Terry said the manager from Time Out Sports Bar was in today and asked about the barricades. He also reported that this past weekend, the dust blowing from the construction site blew across their deck and patrons could not sit outside. They also have entertainment on the weekends and they could not play outside because of the dust. Greg said he will work on it—they can have Camden County Soil Conservation District come out. They will have to keep the area watered to keep the dust down. Eileen reported that Greg handled a difficult resident from Thomas Avenue who had complaints regarding the project and he did a good job addressing the resident's concerns. Seeing no further questions for the Engineer, Greg Evans left the meeting.

**Administration: Clerk Terry Shannon reported on the following from the agenda**

- Phone system installation—the phone system installation has been scheduled. The tech met with each of the departments so they could stage the programming. Fire/Ambulance installation will be this Thursday, Public Works will be on Friday and the municipal building will be next Thursday and Friday.
- Liquor license renewal process—the State has moved to an online license renewal system and will be rolling it out June 4. Each licensee has to register on the state and complete the required information. Licenses for this year which normally expire June 30 have been extended until September 18. The licensees are still required to remit the municipal fees to us by June 30. We will be adopting the ordinance increasing the fees next week and I will send each a letter informing them of the new amount.

●Benner benefit—I was contacted by a friend of the Benner's who is helping them apply to hold a benefit at the girls' softball field. In addition to a 50/50, they are planning to apply to have a beer garden. I explained all the requirements including the gaming license, raffle application and Social Affairs permit that will be required. They may be submitting a formal request in time for the July caucus meeting. The event is scheduled for September.

●Pet limit survey—there were 112 responses. The questions were a little confusing because of the strongly dislike, dislike, etc., and it may have been better to just go with yes or no questions. The Mayor asked if we should do it again and Terry said she thinks the results would be the same. It is clear that the majority of respondents do not think we should change the pet limit. Councilman Ludwig asked if this means we are not changing anything and Terry responded we introduced the ordinance but will not take any further action on it and will let it die. Shawn added that from the responses we did get, it is clear the residents don't want us to change it. Councilman Robenolt asked if anyone has even challenged the limit and Terry said no. We will rescind the ordinance by resolution.

●Cranford Purchasing Cooperative—Chief Roberts wants to purchase the new vehicle through the Cranford Co-op. This is a purchasing cooperative that is specific to police vehicles and is approved by the State as an alternative to state contract purchasing and offers better pricing. Councilman Ludwig said we told the Chief to look at another type of car. It seems to not have been done and I think we should look at other alternatives. Council President Popielek said many municipalities are going to Explorers. Ludwig said we need to look at all ways to save taxpayer money. Mayor Klaus said when we went with the Chrysler products they cost us a lot of money in maintenance. That is why they switched to the GMC's--they are more dependable. You want to keep the same model because of ease of maintenance and replacement parts. Mayor Klaus also suggested that we speak to the police department to ask them what they think about the fleet. Councilman Robenolt said we also have capital funds already for outfitting this vehicle. He added we have discussed about changing to police cars rather than SUV's but that can be discussed in the future and should be part of long-term planning.

### **Council Agenda Review: Clerk Shannon then reviewed the following items for the agenda**

Ordinances for public hearing--

Ord. 1037, 2015 Salary Ordinance

Ord. 1038, Amending Chapter 46, Alcoholic Beverage license fees

Resolutions—

Change Order No. 6, RTW Construction

Awarding a Contract for Trash/Recycling hauling

Refund of escrow deposits for 135 Kingston, 406 Princeton, 914 Chesterfield, 228 Adams,  
102 S. Moore

Adding & Deleting 2015 Tax Exemptions

Authorizing Participation in the Cranford Co-op

Authorizing Purchase of Police Vehicle through the Cranford Co-op

June bill list

Terry then brought-up the water main break that occurred over the weekend. Mike Ciocco had sent an email reporting that NJAWC had a water main break on Tavistock Blvd. which resulted in damage to our sewer main and caused the street to buckle. She passed around the photos that Mike had sent. NJAWC already repaired our sewer main but Mike wants a scope of work from the engineer for the roadway repairs so he can present to NJAWC. Shawn asked who would be responsible for the repairs and Solicitor Gilligan said NJAWC would be responsible although they already repaired the sanitary sewer line.

### **CFO's Report: CFO Moules reported on the following**

Denise said she has one additional resolution for the agenda—Chapter 159 for the Clean Communities grant. She then reviewed the standard monthly reports. The Budget has been posted for 2015 so everything is in the black. Revenues are trending well and I don't see any concerns. We had the exit interview for the audit last week and there are no findings for this audit. I have been working on the User Friendly Budget which is attached to your report. It is a comprehensive report that provides detailed information for evaluation by the public. It is being review by the auditor and when finalized it will be posted on our website and will be sent to the State.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council President Popiolek reported we had a lovely exit conference with our new auditor and had a good exchange of dialogue. They had to really look to find something wrong and the full report will be available for your review shortly. Everything they found was very minor in nature. One interesting item he brought up pertained to town organizations. If any of them are using our tax ID number for bank accounts, then it would fall under our audit. They are encouraged to get their own tax ID number. Terry will send a letter to all organizations notifying them of this. It was a very smooth audit and a good job done by Denise, Kristy and Terry. Kirk then reported that the White Horse Pike is making fantastic progress. They will begin the DOT work next week. Regarding the barricades on the Pike, I spoke to the Chief and in no way is it a public safety issue. Because of that, I opted not to make an issue of the barricades. The Bell Avenue jughandle has always had very low daily movement. I want to pick my battles with DOT so in spite of the complaints from Time Out, I am not going to approach DOT about the barricades. Regarding the dust problem, keeping the area watered should solve that problem.

Councilman Robenolt reported that Green Team has started a Facebook page. We need more members. We hope to attract new members with expertise to help us get to certification. I attended the court meeting in Oaklyn the other night for Ernie. Heights is having some problems and is incurring some overtime because of the slowness of their judge but it is not impacting us in anyway. The budget is up a little bit particularly with court security. The revenue is trending very well and should far surpass the budget number. From the police department, we interviewed three potential candidates for SLEO positions. We lost one already to another department and next week, we would like to swear in Krystal Jankowski as a SLEO. She was the top candidate and is very sharp. We were not interested in the third candidate at this time. She does have ties to Sea Isle and Tim is looking at that situation. There may be no way around having to pay Sea Isle for some of the training. We will continue to look for another candidate. Shawn agreed that Krystal was a great candidate. Wayne added that we are getting information together to start working on contract negotiations.

Councilman Ludwig said he has nothing to report at this time. He did say the Rail would like to have a patio so they may be coming in to meet with the PZC committee. Terry got a copy of Collingswood's ordinance and they would have to apply every year. There would not be a bar outside and it would be anywhere from six to ten tables. They would only be able to serve outside until 10pm. It would be a good thing. He asked if there were any concerns and Mayor Klaus responded it could all be discussed at the PZC meeting.

Mayor Klaus Barrington Day was great. Opening days for Baseball and Softball also went well. We are looking forward to our July 3 celebrations. A couple of municipalities have reinstated fireworks. Everyone is looking forward to the summer.

Seeing no further business, on a motion by Council President Popiolek, second by Councilman Robenolt, the meeting was adjourned to closed session at 7:00pm.

Approved: *Terry Shannon*  
Terry Shannon, Clerk/RMC