

## **BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON**

### **CAUCUS MINUTES (Synopsis), Tuesday, September 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: Councilman Rink, Councilman Robenolt, Councilwoman Nicholson and Councilman Ludwig. Councilwoman Bergeron was absent and Council President Popiolek had not yet arrived. Also present were CFO Denise Moules, Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon, Eileen Holcombe, Secretary to Mayor and Council, Solicitor Tim Higgins and Engineer Greg Evans.

Council President Popiolek arrived at 6:20pm.

**First Public Portion**—on a motion by Councilwoman Nicholson, second by Councilman Rink, the public portion of the meeting was opened. Present was Joseph A. Dougherty, Jr., of Bell Avenue who received a letter stating that they we are turning them down in having the street turned over to the borough and they have to repair the asphalt and install reflectors in order to get snow plowed. He is a senior citizen who cannot afford these repairs and he has had medical issues. Mayor Klaus asked to see the letter. After reading it, he told Mr. Dougherty it would be discussed further and we would get back to him.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Councilwoman Nicholson, second by Councilman Robenolt, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

**Engineer:** Greg Evans reported on the following items from the monthly report.

Action items—Voucher No. 12 and Change Order No. 9 for RTW Construction are both on for approval. We also approved draw No. 7 for Delco Development. We received bids for the Shreve Avenue parking lot and the summary was submitted. Bids were too high and will have to be rejected. Councilman Ludwig had asked about stoning the lot instead. Ludwig said the paving could be as much as \$250,000. There is a more cost-effective way of doing it. Mayor Klaus asked about the proposal from Bellmawr and Greg responded they cannot do the work this year. Ludwig said we can't justify this kind of money for the Little League parking lot. It is \$98,000 for just one third of the lot. Not a smart way of spending money. After more discussion, it was determined that we would look into the possibility of a gravel parking lot. Ludwig said he will discuss further with Little League.

Greg then reviewed the monthly engineer's report and provided updates on ongoing projects.

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

Pet licensing—summonses will be going out this week to the remaining individuals who did not obtain pet licenses. I am currently going through the list and will let you know how many summonses will be going out.

Switch back to Spectrotel—we have migrated most of our phone lines back to Spectrotel because of the horrendous problems with Verizon. We also switched back to Comcast for internet.

Camden County Mutual Aid Agreement—Steve DePierri submitted the attached agreement for approval. This is the agreement between the County and all participating units that establishes a mutual aid program by and between municipalities and the County for emergency situations as well as training. The sample resolution is also attached and will be on the agenda.

Property Maintenance Liens—attached are two liens for property maintenance performed at 236 and 514 Austin Avenue. The situation at 514 Austin Avenue is deplorable and the DPW guys had to enter the property in hazmat suits. The resolution authorizing the liens will be on the agenda.

Town-wide yard sale—the Town Wide Yard Sale has been scheduled for September 26. The information is ready to be distributed. The fee to participate will be \$10 and proceeds will benefit the TNR program as previously discussed. I have requested this be posted on the Borough Facebook page.

Police and Fire Federal Credit Union—we were approached by the Police and Fire Federal Credit Union to be an additional benefit we offer to our employees. It is a full service credit union similar to South Jersey, of which we are already member. I spoke to Dave and many of the officers are already members. However, if the borough signs on, membership will be open to all employees and their families. The only thing they ask in return is to hold sign-ups several times per year. Currently, South Jersey already does this and it is completely non-disruptive. All they need from us is a letter (sample attached). If approved, a will include a resolution authorizing same on the agenda. The governing body approved.

Situation with RTW Construction—we received three separate judgments from the “Heavy and General Laborers Fund” wherein we were ordered to pay funds from vouchers due to RTW due to their failure to pay their obligation to the fund. That has already been handled. Since then, we received a mechanics lien from Kurz Construction, their subcontractor, because they failed to pay them as well. We will be paying Kurz from the next voucher for RTW which will be on the bill list. Since then, we have received phone calls from American Asphalt because RTW failed to pay them for materials. I informed American Asphalt we cannot just choose to pay them and I advised them to secure a mechanics lien as well. We are anxious for RTW to complete the work in town so we no longer have to deal with these financial issues and I am sure Greg will report on the status of the work.

CDBG and Open Space Grants—as you have already been notified, we RECEIVED \$37,000 in supplemental CDBG funds for handicapped improvements at the VFW Senior Community Center and \$25,000 in Open Space Grant funds for Wish Upon a Star Park. The resolutions accepting these grant funds and authorizing execution of the agreements will be on the agenda. We also received three submissions from General Recreation and the illustrations will be distributed.

Status of Liquor Licenses—PZ's (Time Out Sports Bar) is now ready to be renewed. They obtained tax clearance and completed the online renewal process. Resolution to renew their license will be on the agenda. The Old Rail still has not received tax clearance and I will be calling them for the third time this week. They will have to get an Ad Interim permit in order to continue operating if they don't get it resolved by next Tuesday.

Clerk Shannon then reviewed the items for the council agenda as follows:

Ordinance for public hearing and adoption—

Ord. 1039, Approving the Sale of Land to Barrington Redevelopment Urban Renewal LLC

Resolutions—

Change Order No. 9 for RTW Construction

Rejecting bids received for Shreve Ave parking lot

Authorizing property maintenance liens

Chapter 159 for CDBG and Open Space grants

Authorizing Execution of CDBG Supplemental grant agreement

Authorizing Execution of Open Space grant agreement

Authorizing Participation with the Police and Fire Federal Credit Union

Authorizing Execution of the Camden County Mutual Aid Agreement  
Resolution to Renew the Liquor License held by PZ's (Time Out Sports Bar)  
NJDOT Municipal Aid resolutions  
September bill list

Solicitor Higgins add that he would have the first reading of an ordinance and a resolution pertaining to the Wawa financial and tax agreement.

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

You have the monthly financial reports as usual. All budget control accounts are in the black except for gasoline which is due to the Runnemede receivable. Except for the elevator repair, all other expenses are within budget. Revenues are trending according to what we projected and fees and permits are actually exceeding projections.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilman Robenolt—Green team will meet next Tuesday after council. The only other discussion item is for closed session.

Councilman Ludwig reported that all he had was the parking lot which was already discussed.

Councilman Rink—I was away last week so I missed the BBA meeting. Will catch-up with them to see what is going on.

Councilwoman Nicholson—the two young ladies who came to council before about Wish Upon a Star Park will be at the next meeting so we can update them on what we have done so far. Maybe they can look at the rendering to see what is being looked at. Terry asked if we can schedule a meeting with the guy from General Recreation to review the renderings and Patti said yes, the meeting can be scheduled. Nicholson then reported that school starts Tuesday. There is a new principal, Mr. Silvestri who lives in Haddon Heights. Kent Avenue looks really good job—nice job by the contractor.

Council President Popiolek reported that the White Horse Pike project is moving along quickly and you can really see the Wawa going up very fast. There were a couple issues with Time Out Sports Bar which have been resolved. We got a temporary access point put in for them and DOT approved very quickly. The two underground tanks are coming out this week. Redeveloper will proceed with removal and will fight-out responsibility afterwards. It is now time for us to finalize the PILOT. We have what I believe is a beneficial agreement for all parties. Solicitor Higgins spelled out the terms of the PILOT. Councilman Ludwig asked how much of an exemption Wawa is actually getting. Higgins explained that they are not actually getting a tax exemption, rather they will be paying an agreed upon amount that will escalate annually and we get all the money except 5% which goes to the County. It is a 20-year deal with three five year extensions for a total of 35 years. The PILOT for the restaurant site will be negotiated separately. We will be closing on the property next week.

Popiolek added that he will be serving a second term as president of the Kiwanis chapter. He would like Barrington to become a corporate member. They will be working on various fundraisers to benefit children in need.

Mayor Klaus reported we got a letter from Harry Stone thanking us for our help with the tree that fell on his house back in June. He added that he has been taking some vacation time and hopes everyone had a great summer.

On a motion by Councilwoman Nicholson, second by Council President Popiolek, the second public portion was opened. Gary Glaser, 713 Newton Avenue, spoke about the donation bins at the end of

Newton Avenue. They are not pleasant to look at and appear to be blocking a handicapped space. Council President Popiolek said he looked at the bins and they are not blocking a handicapped space. They benefit the DARE Program. Councilwoman Nicholson added that it is school property anyhow so they would need to approve them being moved.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Councilwoman Nicholson, second by Councilman Rink, the second public portion was closed.

Seeing no further business for open session, on a motion by Councilman Robenolt, second by Councilman Rink, the meeting was adjourned to closed session at 7:07pm.

## **BREAK**

**Closed Session resumed at 7:20**—Councilman Robenolt reported that we need to promote for the second sergeant's position. The committee is recommending the promotion of Dave Pawling to sergeant although it is not unanimous. We interviewed and ranked all the candidates and came up with a final list of three candidates and two of us think Dave Pawling is the best candidate. Ludwig said he did not agree but it is a two-to-one decision. Robenolt added that he asked both Chief Roberts and Lt. Uron attend to provide their input.

Chief Roberts and Lt. Uron were also in attendance to provide their input on the promotion to sergeant. Chief Roberts believes the top candidate on the list is Steve Kelly. Lt. Uron believes the three candidates on the final list are all good choices. The three on the final list were Kelly, Hunt and Pawling.

After more extensive discussion by all of council, it was determined that because the decision is not unanimous, more information will need to be considered and a decision cannot be reached at this time. It was also determined that it would be best to defer the decision until all of council is present.

Seeing no further closed session business to be discussed, on a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Council President Popiolek, the closed session was adjourned back into open session at 8:05pm.

Back in open session, a motion was made by Councilman Ludwig to table the decision to promote a police officer to sergeant which was seconded by Councilman Nicholson. The decision will be discussed again next month after all of council has had an opportunity to consider the candidates.

Seeing no further public business, on a motion by Council President Popiolek, second by Councilman Ludwig, the public meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

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