

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON**  
**CAUCUS MINUTES, Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

Mayor Klaus called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with the reading of the Sunshine Statement. He led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called roll with the following present:

Councilman Rink, Councilwoman Nicholson, Councilman Ludwig, Councilman Robenolt. Also present were Solicitor Tim Higgins, Secretary Eileen Holcombe and Clerk Terry Shannon. Councilwoman Bergeron arrived at 6:10pm and Council President Popielek arrived at 6:55pm.

**First Public Portion**—on a motion by Councilwoman Nicholson, second by Councilman Rink, the public portion of the meeting was opened. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Rink, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

**Engineer**

Greg Evans discussed the following action items:

We will be submitting an application to CDBG to continue with the removal of architectural barriers at the VFW. Resolution will be on the agenda.

We will also be submitting an application for Camden County Open Space funding for Wish Upon a Star Park. That resolution will also be on the agenda.

We have reviewed the bids received on December 3 for the Streetscape Project, Phase 4, and are recommending award of a contract for the base bid and alternate bid to Charles Marandino. Resolution will follow after we work out the details with DOT.

We are receiving bids the day of the council meeting and will have a recommendation ready for you that night.

Bids for the video surveillance system will be received in April.

Copley Road—still developing the speed study report. The data from the PD does confirm there is a speeding issue. Mayor Klaus said once the report is ready, we will schedule a meeting with the residents. Councilman Ludwig asked if speed humps can be installed on Copley and Mayor Klaus said shrinking the size of the roadway with striping is more likely on a County road. Evans said their report will make recommendations.

We attended the preconstruction meeting with the County for the reconstruction of Clements Bridge Road. Contractor is South State. Project will commence March 27 and completion should be in September. They will be meeting with the Barrington and Runnemede police chiefs to discuss detours.

White Horse Pike project—some complaints were posted regarding the traffic signal. It was investigated and it is functioning as designed. The engineers are continuing to investigate to see if any adjustments can be made.

Carpet One site improvements—we should be getting the escrow and punchlist items resolved in the next two weeks.

We received cost from Bellmawr for Shreve Ave parking lot and with the credit for the truck purchase, the cost will be \$50,440 for the portion of the lot.

Village of Haddonfield parking issue—residents requested painted parking spots on the public streets. Clerk Shannon said she forwarded the request to the chief and the captain. Solicitor Higgins said if we were to do that we would have to do it on every street in town.

Councilman Robenolt asked if the camera system bids will include monitoring the park area across the street from borough hall. Evans said we can probably do it with the camera that will be on the front of the building.

Seeing no questions for the engineer, Greg Evans left the meeting.

### **Administration**

Clerk Shannon reported on the following items:

Vacant property ordinance—ordinance was distributed to all council members. Mayor Klaus said he wants to invite Gary Passanante, who is already doing this program, to our meeting to discuss how the program works.

Solicitor permits—we discussed shortening the amount of time from one year to six months for a permit and the ordinance is ready for introduction.

Norman's Law regarding puppy and kitten mills—do we want to move forward with introduction of this ordinance? The governing body approved the ordinance for introduction.

Barrington on Track deadline is April 4. Articles about District 4 polling location and the reassessment program will be included.

Question regarding hot dog cart—an individual asked if he can have a lunch cart on Gloucester Pike and also on Clements Bridge Road. After some discussion it was determined he would have to be at a permanent location. He cannot be on a County road. It was suggested that he reach out to the businesses to see if they will permit him having his cart on their property.

New chairs for VFW—John Crawford reports that the chairs are in bad shape. We would like to purchase new chairs and the CFO confirms that funds are available. The governing body approved.

JIF training for elected officials—only Kirk has completed. We are hosting a session here on March 9 at 6pm or you can do the online training. Deadline is May 1.

Clerk Shannon then reviewed the following items that will be on the council agenda:

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption—

1047, Amending the Financial Agreement and PILOT Agreement with Barrington Redevelopment Urban Renewal, LLC

1048, Authorizing a Special Emergency for the Property Reassessment Program

1049, Amending Chapter 120, Vehicles and Traffic (Copley Rd and Copley PI stop intersection)

Ordinance for introduction on first reading—

1050, Amending Chapter 93, Peddling and Soliciting (permit valid for six months)

1051, Amending Chapter 48, Animals (prohibits selling of puppies/kittens from mills)

## 1052, Calendar Year 2016 Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank

### Resolutions—

Resolution for submission of Year 38 CDBG project  
Resolution for submission of 2016 Camden Co. Open Space project  
Award bids received for Streetscape project  
Award/reject bids received for VFW restroom project  
Resolution of permanent appointment for D'Ascenzo and Mulhern  
Resolution appointing Phoenix Advisors as Financial Consultants  
March bill list

CFO Moules stated there will also be a resolution for the advance for the Women's League Easter Egg Hunt.

### **Finance:**

CFO Moules reported on the following items:

Review of monthly financial reports—over-expenditures are due to receivable for shared service agreements; the payment of general insurance and the payment of dues for the year. There are no concerns as these will be corrected when the permanent budget is entered.

Budget department meetings—we are looking at starting on March 22. Schedule will be distributed. Hopefully we will get it all done in one day.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilman Robenolt reported the two officers who completed their probationary period had an outstanding year. Cleaned up some housekeeping issues in the PD. Lt. Uron and Sgt. Bowman went for some IA training.

Councilman Ludwig reported that things went well with snow removal. The brine operations seemed to help and they got some issues resolved with the plow blades. The new mechanic is working out well and things are running smoothly.

Councilman Rink reported that the BBA has 17 active members and 14 attended their last meeting. They discussed advertising, working with the HH farmer's market and tax laws for small businesses. Representatives from Little League and Softball attended made a pitch for sponsorship.

Councilwoman Nicholson reported that Katie Koff is now a Delaware State Trooper and she would like to recognize her. Earth weekend is April 23-24. Barrington Day is May 21. Easter Egg Hunt is March 19. VFW has been steadily booked. We won't take any rentals during the rest room construction. Fireworks and parade are July 1 and July 2 is rain date for fireworks.

Council President Popiolek reported they are still working on a restaurant for the WHP location. The CCMUA fee is still a major problem. Mayor Klaus said we need to bring the County into the discussion. NJDOT traffic engineers are tweaking the traffic signal a little. We are setting up the budget meetings. We will be asking for council participation at the departmental meetings—especially the director.

Mayor Klaus asked everyone to look at the abandoned property ordinance in preparation for Gary Passanante's visit. We have met twice to discuss the fire and ambulance building. The building is in

deplorable condition—we may have to bond money for improvements. The fire and ambulance departments are working on coming up with plans for their needs. We will explore all options.

Council President Popiolek added that his neighbor, Natalie Hales, has been appointed to West Point and he would like to have her recognized with a proclamation. Governing Body concurred.

Seeing no further business to be discussed, on a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Council President Popiolek, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.

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