

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
CAUCUS MINUTES, Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Council President Popiolek 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:

Council President Popiolek, Councilwoman Bergeron, Councilman Rink, Councilwoman Nicholson and Councilman Robenolt. Councilman Ludwig arrived at 6:07pm. Mayor Klaus was absent due to illness. Also present were Solicitor Tim Higgins, Secretary Eileen Holcombe and Clerk Terry Shannon.

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

Engineer

Greg Evans reviewed the Engineer's Report and reported the following:

Video surveillance system installation will begin tomorrow.

Copley Road speed study—after meeting with County, plan was developed which was sent to everyone today. First step will be painting 25 MPH in the roadway. County is scheduling that work now and then we will submit the remainder of the plan to the County for their approval.

NJDOT Safe Routes to Schools—application period is open and we recommend traffic calming measures for Copley Road. The governing body concurred. Resolution will be necessary.

Sanitary Sewer Lateral construction—pre-con rescheduled to May 9. Kline will commence with work immediately following.

Shreve Avenue parking lot—first section was paved and they did a good job. We will continue to reach out to Bellmawr for the additional work.

Administration

Clerk Shannon reported on the following items:

Meeting with PSE&G—Mike and I met with Mike Coyle. They will be replacing gas main on Hutchinson, Pomona and Peltoma. Work will begin after school is out.

Barrington on Track was printed today and will be delivered to the post office tomorrow.

Request from new resident for street name—individuals building new house on Highland on a rear property have requested that their drive be a named street. Their address is 228A. Can it be a lane like Flower Lane but not be a municipal street? This was referred to the engineer for their review.

Increase in liquor license fees—our fees are very low and need to be increased. It was agreed to increase by 10%.

Abandoned property ordinance—Mayor Klaus would like this ordinance to be introduced. After some discussion, it was determined that we need more information before we adopt this program. Also, because we now require registration of abandoned properties, we are seeing some of these properties starting to move.

Clerk Shannon then reviewed the items for the council agenda and reminded everyone that the public hearing for the budget will be held during this meeting.

Finance:

CFO Moules reported on the following items:

Review of standard financial reports including budget status, cash balances and overtime.

2016 Municipal budget—public hearing will be held during this meeting. Increase is 3.87 cents which is \$61.62 on the average assessment.

Capital funding—we need to bond for the Commerce Drive improvements. We received \$200,000 from NJDOT but additional costs for design need to be accounted for. Also the fire department needs \$54,000 in new equipment. Capital ordinance will be ready for introduction next week.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilwoman Nicholson reported Barrington Day is May 21; May 30 is Memorial Day service and Lt. Lutz from Camden County Police and a former Marine has confirmed he will be guest speaker; Haddon Heights Baseball would like to do a shared service for use of little league field—they will submit a formal letter.

Councilman Robenolt reported that he has been working with Terry on some changes to the healthcare plan that were requested by the police that look promising.

Councilwoman Bergeron reported she attended the CDBG meeting and they are partnering with Habitat for Community to rehab abandoned houses—more information to come. Also she attended the TNR fundraiser at Sweetie Pie Boom Boom bakery and it was very nice--they made over \$1000.

Council President Popiolek reported that he has been working with the BBA regarding the signage for the Clements Bridge Road detouring. We met on site with Chief Roberts and Mike Ciocco and came up with a game plan for signage showing motorists how to get to the businesses during construction.

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

Action item—resolution for approval: Resolution 5-2016-54, Authorizing a Closed Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations. On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Rink, the resolution was approved with the following poll vote: Popiolek-yes; Bergeron-yes; Rink-yes; Nicholson-yes; Ludwig-yes; Robenolt-yes.

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 7:28pm.

CLOSED SESSION

Councilman Ludwig expressed concern about the police handling traffic control during the construction project. Drivers are confused and not sure where to go. The police are often in their cars rather than out helping motorists. He wants to see them being more helpful to drivers and more attentive to the traffic problems. This is a difficult project and they need to give traffic control more positive attention. Councilman Robenolt said he will have another conversation with Chief Roberts about this.

Councilman Ludwig then reported we had a grievance at Public Works filed by Frank D'Intino. They were working at the Shreve Avenue Little League complex and hit an electric line. They called in the electrical inspector and he claims he told them they needed to find out where the line originated. The next day, Mike told Frank to splice the line but did not tell him he needed to find out where the line

originated. Kenny had told Patti when the lights would not come on that they did not hit anything. He said they did hit a line but it was a dead line. So Frank was told to work on the line without not knowing for sure that the line was dead. He looked in the box and there is a key to turn on the juice. Frank then realized the line was hot and he was told to splice a live line. He was upset and filed the grievance. Ludwig told the electrician he wants to see a site plan for all the electric at the site so they know where all the lines are. There was a miscommunication between the electrical inspector and Mike and Kenny and information was not properly relayed to Frank. Everything was done wrong. We will be following up with a written report on what should have been done so this never happens again.

Councilman Ludwig then reported on the AFSCME contract negotiations. We have a tentative agreement at 3% increases for three years. They had asked for on-call pay, increases in cell phone pay and other things but we agreed to leave everything as is and just go with 3% increases which they agreed to. They wanted concessions on healthcare contributions but we explained that we are not deviating from Chapter 78 at this time. Clerk Shannon added that the resolution to ratify the contract and the corresponding salary ordinance will be on the agenda.

Councilman Robenolt reported that the exit contract with Chief Roberts is done. His last work day will be May 19 and he will take terminal leave until his official retirement date of September 1. He did file his papers with the Pension Division. We will need a resolution to approve the contract and we also need to appoint Dave Uron as acting chief. We also want to appoint Krystal as a recruit so she can get in the academy to finish her classes. She only has to make-up two classes. Once she is finished, they she can be appointed as a patrol officer.

Seeing no further business to be discussed in closed session, on a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Rink, the meeting went back into open session at 8:25pm.

Clerk Shannon then did a recap of the items for the council agenda.

Seeing no further business to be discussed, on a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Rink, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

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