

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES, Tuesday, July 5, 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, Councilman Ludwig and Councilman Robenolt. Council President Popiolek, Councilwoman Bergeron and Councilwoman Nicholson were absent. Also present were Solicitor Tim Higgins, Secretary Eileen Holcombe CFO Denise Moules and Clerk Terry Shannon.

First Public Portion—on a motion by Councilman Robenolt, second by Councilman Rink, the public portion of the meeting was opened. Seeing no public in attendance, on a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Rink, the public portion was closed.

Engineer

Engineer Greg Evans reported the following action item for the council agenda:

Adoption of the flood prevention ordinance; voucher No. 1 and change order No. 1 for the video surveillance system; voucher No. 3-final for the 2015 Street Improvement Program (Kent Avenue) and award of a contract to Curbcon for the 2016 Capital Program (Commerce Drive) for the base bid and Alt. 1 and 2. Greg then reviewed the engineer's report. Regarding traffic on Woodland and Newton, we had done reports in 2003 and 2004 and recommended 15 mph during school hours and also reported that the location of the speed limit signs is in accordance with MUTCD. We also suggested looking at speed humps. A survey was never done and you may want to consider doing that now. Mayor Klaus concurred and said we will do the survey. Greg said he will put that together and forward to Eileen.

Councilman Ludwig said there is still a speeding problem on Copley and Sgt. Hunt reported that on average, motorists travel 3-4 MPH over the limit. He suggested stop signs but Greg said the County would not allow as they would not meet MUTCD standards. We did send the plan over for the striping and signage and the County engineer approved. DPW can make the signs and our contractor for Commerce Drive can do the lane striping for us. We are still waiting for approval on the bump-outs but the County will not pay for those so the borough will have to fund.

Greg then reviewed the rest of the Engineer's report and provided updates on various items. Regarding the executive order issued by the Governor, the freeze on funding should not impact the federal projects but will impact all Local Aid projects. We can still award but will not be able to authorize notice to proceed until the funds are released. After review of the report, Greg left the meeting.

Administration

Clerk Shannon reported on the following items:

Appointment of the Chaplain—Pastor Archut submitted his official request to be the Chaplain and we can appoint him by resolution at the council meeting. The governing body concurred.

Chicken pilot program—the pilot program ended on June 30. The pilot program went well and there have been no issues. If you are in agreement, we can now adopt the permanent program. The governing body concurred and authorized Tim to prepare the ordinance.

Councilman Robenolt that our next caucus meeting is on "National Night Out". It was decided that the caucus meeting would be moved to Wednesday, August 3.

Clerk Shannon then reviewed the ordinances and resolutions that will be on the council agenda.

Finance

CFO Moules reported on the following items:

Review of standard financial reports including budget status, cash balances and overtime. Everything is in the black. Revenues are tracking well. We had the audit interview and the mayor and council president attended. There were no findings and any discussion items were handled. There is some clean-up of grants and capital ordinances that we will handle. The reports will be distributed.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Robenolt asked if we need a “Do Not Block the Box” ordinance. Solicitor Higgins said that an ordinance would be required for T-intersections. Wayne said we need to do one for Clements Bridge and Moore and Clements Bridge and Shreve. Higgins said he will prepare the ordinance. Robenolt then said he spoke to some parents over the weekend who agreed about the traffic problems on Newton. They said the folks who ignore the stop sign are primarily the teachers. We are going to distribute information to the parents at “Back to School” night. He then reiterated that “National Night Out” is August 2.

Councilman Ludwig reported that JP Korman, a young resident in town, has won a bunch of awards at the Special Olympics and he would like to recognize him at the August meeting. The governing body agreed we will do a proclamation.

Mayor Klaus asked Clerk Shannon if she knew anything about the donation bin at Rite Aid. We received a letter from someone indicating there were illegal. Clerk Shannon said we have a local ordinance for these bins.

Mayor Klaus then reported there is a group who is interested in purchasing the Presbyterian Church and opening as a Korean American church. They will be coming before the planning board.

Second public portion—on a motion by Councilman Rink, second by Councilman Rink, the second public portion was opened. Seeing no public present, on a motion by Councilman Robenolt, second by Commissioner Rink, the second public portion was closed.

Seeing no further business to be discussed, on a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Rink, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

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