

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2016 at 6:00 PM
COUNCIL ROOM AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular monthly Council Meeting of the Borough of Barrington was held on October 11, 2016, at 6:00 pm in the Council Room at the Barrington Municipal Building, with Council President Popiolek presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Popiolek called the meeting to order with the following statement: "This meeting is held in compliance with Chapter 231 of the open public meetings act of 1975 and appropriate notice has been given. Notice of the meeting was filed with the Retrospect and Courier Post and is also posted in the main office of the Borough Clerk where notices are primarily kept. He then led the salute to the flag of our country.

ROLL CALL: The Municipal Clerk called roll of Council with the following present:

Ludwig	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Nicholson	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Robenolt	- yes	Rink	- yes

Also on dais: Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon and Borough Solicitor, Timothy Higgins, Esq. Mayor Klaus was absent due to illness. Council President said the Mayor sends his regrets but he has a stomach bug and cannot attend the meeting tonight.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council President Popiolek noted that Council was provided with a copy of the printed minutes of the September 6, 2016, Caucus and the September 13, 2016, Council meeting and asked if there were any corrections. Seeing none, on a Motion by Bergeron and Rink, the Caucus and Council minutes were approved by all members of Council present.

MOTION IS CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Municipal Clerk read a summary of the September, 2016, monthly reports as submitted by Chief David Uron for Police; Chief Jason Houck for the Fire Company, Chief Barbara Willson for the EMS/Ambulance; Fire Official Steve DePierri for Regional Fire Alliance; Code Official John Szczerbinski for Construction; Superintendent Michael J. Ciocco for Department of Public Works; Tax Collector Kristy Emmett for Tax and Sewer Collections, Court Administrator Catherine Lawson for Municipal Court.

On a Motion by Nicholson and Ludwig the monthly reports were approved as submitted by all members of Council present.

MOTION IS CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS-ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

The Municipal Clerk stated that the following ordinances are for public hearing and adoption:

ORDINANCE 1063: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ARTICLE III, MAINTENANCE OF VACANT PROPERTIES, IN CHAPTER 95, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

ORDINANCE 1064: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 99, RENTAL AND/OR RESALE CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS, IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

On a Motion by Nicholson and Rink the second reading of the ordinance was approved with the following poll vote:

Ludwig	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Nicholson	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Robenolt	- yes	Rink	- yes

On a Motion by Bergeron and Ludwig the public hearing on the above Ordinance was opened.

Adam Moore, 137 Woodland Ave, reviewed Ordinance 1064 on line and asked what the highlights of the ordinance are and if this is regarding sales/resales of apartments and condos. Council President said yes, every now and then we go through our various programs and update based on state codes and what other towns are doing and these changes were recommended by our Code Official; some also are a change in fee. Mr. Moore would like to suggest to council to completely remove the ordinance for certificate of occupancy for resales as property values are very low and many people are having problems obtaining a certificate of occupancy, especially for non-safety nature. Suggested that the ordinance is not necessary and if people want to engage in commerce they should be able to do so without interference from the town. Council President thanked him for his comments; Councilman Ludwig asked Mr. Moore if his concerns were non-safety issues. Mr. Moore replied that he would like no certificate of occupancy at all but especially not for items that are not safety related. People are reluctant to buy in town and some have had run-ins with the construction official. Councilman Ludwig said he would like to hear further what is being said and could the ordinance be held back tonight? Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon advised that the ordinance already exists; this is just an update. The Council President explained why we had the ordinance especially as it related to health and safety concerns. We have above average apartments and rentals in our municipality, and based from resident complaints, it is our way to get into the dwellings to make sure everything is safe. Council President advised it is an important program and he would like to hear Mr. Moore's thoughts and go over them with him. Councilman Ludwig agreed he wants us to look at the program. It was decided the ordinance and inspection program be reviewed thoroughly and discussed at the next meeting.

Seeing no more comments from the public, on a Motion by Bergeron and Robenolt, the public hearing on the above Ordinances was closed.

On a Motion by Bergeron and Nicholson the ordinance were adopted with the following poll vote: Ludwig voted yes on Ord. 1063 and no on Ord. 1064; Popiolek-yes; Nicholson-yes; Bergeron-yes, Robenolt-yes; Rink-yes.

ORDINANCES ADOPTED

NEW BUSINESS-RESOLUTIONS: The Municipal Clerk advised that she would read the following Resolutions by title, one after another, and Council will have the opportunity to vote as Consent Agenda at the end of the reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2016-112 - SETTING THE HOURS FOR TRICK OR TREATING

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2016-113 - CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, CONSTRUCTION OF ADA COMPLIANT RESTROOMS AT THE VFW SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

RESOLUTION 10-2016-114 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A VEHICLE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2016-115 - CANCELING OUTSTANDING CHECKS DRAWN ON THE COURT ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2016-116 - RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY CANCELLING GRANT BALANCE

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2016-117 - REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE

RESOLUTION 10-2016-118 - AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A FIRE TRUCK NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON AND THE BARRINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2016-119 - URGING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRESERVE THE HUGG-HARRISON-GLOVER HOUSE IN BELLMAWR

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2016-120: APPROVING THE OCTOBER BILL LIST–TOTAL \$ 638,743.84

On a Motion by Ludwig and Nicholson the Resolutions as read were approved with the following poll vote:

Ludwig	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Nicholson	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Robenolt	- yes	Rink	- yes

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY: Council President said excellent job to all on Harvest Festival, rain and all; it was a successful event.

COUNCILWOMAN NICHOLSON – Excellent job with the Harvest Festival. Michele Montefort is here tonight. She is Miss Garden State Teen in the Miss American Teen Pageant and will be in Florida to compete for the National Title for Miss American Teen. At the end of the meeting pictures will be taken with Council. Harvest Festival was a great time; all went well. Trick or Treat will be on Halloween, Monday, October 31, from 4-8 pm; please watch out for the kids. Due to road projects around town traffic is heavier in the Garden Area; the kids and not used to this much traffic, please be careful of the kids!

COUNCILMAN LUDWIG – nothing to report

Councilwoman Nicholson advised that two residents were supposed to attend tonight but could not about the great job Chief Uron did last week with the entire extra traffic on Austin and Moore Avenues. Please be aware of stop signs and be patient.

COUNCILMAN ROBENOLT – congratulations Michele and good luck with the next round of the pageant. Police are working with the traffic issues and made modifications to some of the detours to help relieve congestion; please be mindful of the stop signs. Our police are trying to make the best of a bad situation and they are doing an excellent job.

COUNCILWOMAN BERGERON – congratulations Michele and good luck in November. Congratulations to all on the excellent Harvest Festival even with the rain; and cleanup afterwards – Police, DPW, Ambulance – great job all. Police have done an excellent job with the traffic, thank you.

COUNCILMAN RINK – no report but thank you all for coming out tonight and congratulations and good luck to Michele. It's nice to have a celebrity in Barrington! We had another celebrity with

American Ninja Warrior contestant, Jamie.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT POPIOLEK – great Harvest Festival even with the weather and road construction difficulties; it is one of the largest community events in Camden County and it was well attended. One of the agenda items close to me is Economic Development and the town has done a really good job in supporting our local economy by encouraging new businesses to come into town. A

few areas still working on but we are moving with great progress; calls are received regularly from different developers asking if there are any vacant parcels in town or anything that could use fixing up that would be a good investment; the word is out and the Council President is very proud of that! Another project close to the Councilman is Kiwanis, which is a global and charitable organization that does projects all for the benefit of children. Proud to announce that local club of which he is President is going to partner with Barrington and adopt Wish Upon a Star Playground to transform it into a modern all-inclusive playground; we will have lots to report as the months unwind.

MAYOR KLAUS – absent

PUBLIC PORTION: Council President Popiolek advised that if you have comments or questions to come forward and state your name and address for the record. Public comment is limited to five minutes per person.

On a motion by Nicholson and Rink the public portion of the meeting was opened.

Diane Schreyer, 212 Nassau Dr, - do we have a person who is called the Barrington inspector? Council President informed that yes, he is called the Code Enforcement Officer. She asked if the person does anything else and was advised that he runs our Construction Department, he is the Deputy Zoning Officer and the Property Maintenance Officer. Like all of our employees they wear numerous hats; this is the time of doing more with a lot less!

Paul Gross, 346 Tavistock Blvd; walks around his neighborhood quite a bit and has heard numerous complaints about people selling their house and having minor defects in a house that is 70 or 80 years old, you cannot buy a brand new house at 70 years old; problems especially with the concrete. Council President said we will look into these complaints a little bit more but again our main concern is the health and safety of everyone in the community. Everything has to be taken into consideration and we will look into it more. Mr. Gross asked about houses sold “as is” and the Council President said “as is” shifts the responsibility of making the repairs from the seller to the buyer and they still have to get a certificate of occupancy. Solicitor Timothy Higgins said to discuss in greater detail at a Caucus meeting, this is a small amendment to this ordinance; Council President and Municipal Clerk said the Planning and Zoning Committee should look at it. Councilwoman Bergeron agreed and said it should be put on agenda for Caucus.

With no further comments from the public, on a motion by Ludwig and Rink the public portion of the meeting was closed.

With no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Bergeron and Ludwig the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

APPROVED: Terry Shannon
Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk