

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES, Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 6:00pm

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: Council President Popiolek, Councilman Rink and Councilman Robenolt. Councilwoman Nicholson and Councilman Ludwig were absent. Also present were Solicitor Tim Higgins and Clerk Terry Shannon. Councilwoman Bergeron arrived at 6:50pm.

First Public Portion—on a motion by Council President Popiolek, second by Councilman Rink, the first public portion of the meeting was opened. Elizabeth Kennedy from the Barrington Business Association thanked council for their support and the banner supporting the BBA. She also reported that the Civic Association has reported that they will continue to manage the Harvest Festival so the BBA will not need to take over.

Monika Woniak, 1008 Copley Place N, spoke about the replacement of her sewer line to the main which was 45 feet. Pipe was broken in two places. It was a financial burden and cost over \$18,000. She did not know she was responsible for the pipe from the curb to the main. Neither were her neighbors. She would like council to look into her case and she wants at least partial reimbursement. Solicitor Higgins told her to have her attorney call him. Because she is represented by an attorney, council cannot respond at this time. John Kelley from Copley Place N added he had a similar problem but was able to line the pipe. They are in a different situation because they are on a cul-de-sac so the distance to the main is longer than most. He does not think most residents are aware of their responsibility regarding the sewer line and also asks that council take a look at the ordinance and consider amending it.

Paul Gross, 246 Tavistock Boulevard, said at the last council meeting there was a discussion about the CO program for selling your home in Barrington. He got a copy of the CO inspection form and it is very thorough. It would be difficult especially for those trying to sell an older home. Mayor Klaus stated the purpose of the program is to make sure homes comply with current codes.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Council President Popiolek, second by Councilman Rink, the first public portion was closed.

Engineer Report

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

- Voucher No. 4 and Change Order No. 3-Final, for the VFW ADA Restroom Improvements will be on the agenda for approval.
- Resolution authorizing NJDOT Municipal Aid application for continuation of Commerce Drive as priority number one and reconstruction of Austin Avenue as priority number two. We will also apply for bikeway funding along East Atlantic Avenue.
- Resolution authorizing release of FedEx performance bond and replacing with maintenance bond will be on the agenda.

Evans then reviewed the monthly Engineer's report and provided updates on various projects.

Administration

Clerk Shannon reported on the following items:

- Reorganization will be January 8—appointment list will be distributed this week.

- Fair and Open proposals are due in this Friday.
- Open enrollment closed this past Friday. Six more employees enrolled in the HRA plan. There will be no increase in premiums for 2017.
- Holiday celebration is Thursday, December 15.
- New assessment letters will be mailed out in early January and residents will be able to schedule appointments to review their assessments.
- We will be recovering \$21,000 from the JIF for the 4th Avenue pump station main failure. Signed proof-of-loss today.
Chief Uron has recommended that we increase our traffic control fees. This can be considered for January.
- We were notified today that a resident has an illegal pig which is being kept in unsanitary conditions. Camden County Health Department is notifying resident about conditions and we will notify about licensing requirements.

Clerk Shannon then reviewed the items for the council agenda.

CFO Moules was absent so Clerk Shannon reviewed the monthly financial reports. All expenditures are in the black so no year-end transfers are needed as of right now. Court revenue was down due primarily to our police department being tied-up all year on traffic control. Denise will distribute the budget packets and department heads will have until the end of January to submit their budgets.

Council Reports

Councilman Robenolt reported the committee continues to meet with the PBA on contract talks. Also we will be able to swear-in Kristal Jankowski at the council meeting.

Councilwoman Bergeron said it has been a pleasure working with everyone and this is her last caucus meeting. She wished everyone good luck next year. Everyone wished Maureen well and best of luck with her daughter's health problems.

Council President Popiolek said he met Maureen 14 years ago and she encouraged him to get involved with politics. It has been an honor to serve with her and he thanked her for all she has brought to the town. As discussed assessment letters will go out after the first of the year. I am very pleased with the job being done by our assessor, Brian Schneider. Site work has begun for Wild Wings Café and they anticipate being open by mid-spring. He wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Mayor Klaus reported they will get the awards for Reorg to the Clerk soon. The Construction, Planning and Zoning committee met to review the CO checklist and came up with some suggestions. He distributed them to the group.

Councilman Robenolt added we needed to discuss the clock budget which was distributed by Clerk Shannon. We need to determine the amount for sponsorships of the clock. Robenolt said with sponsorships of the clock at \$300 each, the revenue will be \$30,000. With the pavers and banners, we will have a projected shortfall of just over \$5000. We still have the beef and beer and tee shirt sales. We would like to know if the borough will commit to cover the shortfall. After more discussion, it was agreed that the sponsorships would be \$300 each for the clock.

On a motion by Councilman Rink, second by Council President Popiolek, the second public portion was opened. Carmella Fanelle, 337 Hutchinson Avenue, said she never receives Barrington on Track. Clerk Shannon said she would look into that. Fanelle also asked if the town has an ordinance

regarding Air B and B's. Mayor Klaus responded we do not currently have an ordinance regarding these.

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

On a motion by Councilwoman Bergeron, second by Councilman Rink, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

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