

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES, Wednesday, June 7, 2017, 6:00pm

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, Councilman Beach, Councilwoman Fawley, Councilwoman Harris, and Councilman Ludwig. Councilman Robenolt had an excused absence as he was in training town for his work and Mayor Klaus was absent due to illness. Also present were Solicitor Tim Higgins, Clerk Terry Shannon, CFO Denise Moules and Eileen Holcombe, Secretary to Mayor and Council.

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

Engineer

Greg Evans from KEI Engineers reported there are no action items at this time. They are in the process of reviewing the sign ordinance and will make a recommendation through the PZC Committee. They are also working on the renovations for the police department. Greg then reviewed the monthly engineer's report and provided updates on the following:

- ◆Traffic signal at Clements Bridge Road and Atlantic—Conrail will upgrade crossing this summer. We are requesting the work be done on the weekend. If not, we at least need the work done during the summer before school resumes. Greg will email Conrail and will copy Kevin Besica at the County.
- ◆Copley Road—shoulder lines are painted. Police will complete a speed study.
- ◆Estimate from Bellmawr for Shreve Avenue lot is \$97,000. Savings of about \$20,000 using Bellmawr vs. contractor. Need to set-up funding. CFO Moules said we can do a capital ordinance.
- ◆Beaverbrook drainage—prior report done is on the table for your review. Please review if you get a chance. Can apply for NJEIT funding for project. There a lot of pictures in the report of the conditions. Right now we are focusing on the discharge because it is near the homes.

Council President Popiolek said KEI had submitted a proposal for the Willows/Union Grove redevelopment study and we believe your bid encompasses more of everything we needed so we will be doing a resolution to award the work to KEI. Seeing no further questions for Greg, he left the meeting. Council President thanked Greg for all their work on the White Horse Pike projects.

Administration

Clerk Shannon reported on the following items:

- ◆Centennial project—clock will be delivered June 16. DPW will install and clock will remain covered. 96 pavers are done and will be picked-up on Friday. July 3 is unveiling. We have sold 26 sponsorships which will go on one dedication plaque. We will continue to sell until all are sold. We will have refreshments on July 3 for unveiling and will take a town photo.
- ◆VFW rentals and TULIP insurance—JIF is requiring that we get insurance from renters having alcohol. Cost is about \$140 through TULIP or they can submit evidence of coverage from their homeowners. Need to amend ordinance to require. Councilwoman Harris expressed concern it will make the rental too expensive. After more discussion, it was determined we will stop collecting a security deposit and will amend the ordinance accordingly. Councilwoman Harris said she will look into further about the rental fee and will discuss with her committee and will report back.
- ◆Permanent appointments in police department—Andy Willson, Gary Hawkins and Ken Lampe have completed their probationary periods and are due for their permanent appointments. Resolution will be on the agenda.

◆Contract with FCS—Mike sent in the new contract for disposal of recyclables. Resolution will be on the agenda. This is a three-year agreement and is a better financial impact for the towns.

◆Rat problems—we are getting numerous calls about rats—all in the vicinity behind St. Francis. Edwards Avenue and Richards Avenues especially. There is a lot of information in your packet about rat control. They are Norwegian rats. We believe this problem is due to the extensive PSE&G project. We have enough homes now that the borough needs to get involved. We will get additional proposals that are environmentally safe and will provide more information. We will meet with PSE&G to file a claim for the cost. We will schedule a meeting with Mike Coyle.

Council Agenda Review: Clerk Shannon reviewed the following items for the council agenda.

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

- Ord. 1074, Authorizing Financial Agreement with Barrington Restaurant (Wild Wing PILOT)
- Ord. 1075, Establishing Salaries for Police Department per PBA contract

We will also have public hearing on 2017 Municipal Budget.

Ordinances for introduction on first reading:

- Ord. 1076, Amending Hall Rentals (eliminating security deposit)
- Ord. 1077, Bond ordinance for \$150,000

Resolutions & Proclamations:

- Authorizing Renewal of Liquor Licenses
- Authorizing Contract with FCR for Disposal of Recyclables
- Cancellation of NJDOT Receivable for Ordinance 905
- Cancellation of Contract Receivables
- Transfer of Recreation Trust Funds to Centennial Trust Account
- Chapter 159 for Grants Received
- Authorizing Contracts with Independence Day Vendors
- Accepting the 2016 Audit Report
- Refund of Taxes for Totally Disabled Veteran
- Awarding Union Grove redevelopment study to KEI Engineers
- Approving the PBA contract (if ready)
- Resolution for permanent appointments of police personnel (after approval by Chief)
- Continuation of suspension of CO Program
- June bill list

Finance

CFO Moules reviewed the standard monthly reports for May 2017. Everything is in the black. Also provided is the police overtime detail. Concern court revenues may not hit proposed budget. The audit is complete and has been submitted. There were no findings as usual. There are some contract cancellations and trust transfers as a result of the audit that will be on the agenda and are listed in the resolutions.

Council Reports

Councilwoman Harris—Barrington Day was a success. Dunk tank was a hit. Mister Softee was also a huge hit. Touch-a truck was also huge. Beer garden was also really nice. Softball event was this past Saturday. Woodland graduation June 15. Meeting with Chief and Andy to discuss July 3. Wayne will finalize map for line-up. Receiving lots of calls about detours. Should get a little better when school is out. 8th grade dance was last Saturday—they thanked everyone for use of VFW. 6th and 7th grade dance is at Woodland School on Friday. You should have received your tickets for graduation. Garnet Cup is Monday night—Barrington vs. Haddon Heights. Barrington won last year.

Councilman Ludwig—things are good and he wished everyone a good summer.

Councilwoman Fawley—asked if we know if a meeting has been set-up yet with Oaklyn. CFO Moules said they are meeting with the police chiefs this week and the next meeting should be scheduled soon thereafter. The councilwoman added that her delivery date is September 9.

Councilman Beach—he believes we can get PSE&G to pay for the situation with the rats and he will stay on top of it.

Council President Popiolek—great weekend with the opening of Wild Wing Café. Thanked everyone for attending the VIP party. It is our enthusiasm that attracted the Colby's to bring this business to town. The PILOT and financial agreement is the final step. The audit went very well. We met with Comcast to review franchise agreement. There is no point in getting a grant from them because it is a pass-through to their customers so we are not going to do it. They will give us a WIFI hot spot at the playground though. We are recommending ten years for the Comcast franchise agreement. The group agreed.

On a motion by Councilwoman Harris, second by Councilman Beach, the second public portion was opened. Diane Schreyer, 212 Nassau, said she had a problem with mice last year and they were also Norwegian mice. She asked for the name of the company Terry contacted and she responded she will get her the contact information. Dr. Elizabeth Kennedy from the BBA reported they are growing and one new thing they are doing this year is they are offering 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for the parade for kids' bikes, strollers, wagons, etc., and will be awarding gift certificates. Councilwoman Harris said we will include that information in On Track.

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

Seeing no other business to be transacted, on a motion by Councilman Beach, second by Councilwoman Harris, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

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