

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017, at 6:00 PM
COUNCIL ROOM AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular monthly Council Meeting of the Borough of Barrington was held with Mayor Klaus presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Klaus 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. The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for the hurricane victims and in remembrance of 9/11.

ROLL CALL: The Municipal Clerk called roll of Council and with the following in attendance: Councilman Ludwig, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Robenolt, Council President Popiolek and Councilman Beach. Councilwoman Fawley was absent. Also on dais: Mayor Klaus, Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon and Borough Solicitor, Timothy Higgins, Esq.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Klaus noted that Council was provided with the minutes of the August 1, 2017, Caucus and the August 8, 2017, council meetings and asked if there were any corrections. Seeing none, on a motion by Popiolek, second by Beach, the caucus and council minutes were approved by all members of Council present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Municipal Clerk read a summary of the August 2017, monthly reports from the following departments: Police, Fire, EMS, Regional Fire Alliance, Recycling, Construction, Tax Collector and Municipal Court. On a motion by Harris, second by Robenolt, the monthly reports were approved as submitted by all members of Council present.

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL:

RESOLUTION 9-2017-109: Resolution of the Borough Of Barrington, County Of Camden, State Of New Jersey approving the application of Barrington Restaurant Urban Renewal LLC for a long term tax exemption agreement, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:20-8 ET SEQ.

On a motion by Popiolek, second by Harris, the resolution as read was approved with the following poll vote: Ludwig-yes, Harris-yes, Robenolt-yes, Popiolek-yes, Beach-yes.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

- Ord. 1074 Authorizing Financial Agreements Between the Borough of Barrington and Barrington Restaurant Urban Renewal, LLC, Pursuant to the Long Term Tax Exemption Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 Et. Seq.
- Ord. 1079 Amending Chapter 111, Hall Rentals
- Ord. 1080 Amending Chapter 58, Fees, in the Borough Code (amends VFW Senior Community Center Rental Fee)

On a motion by Popiolek, second by Beach, the second reading of these ordinances was approved with the following poll vote: Ludwig-yes, Harris-yes, Robenolt-yes, Popiolek-yes, Beach-yes.

On a motion by Ludwig, second by Harris, the public hearing was opened.

Richard Lindsey, 315 Hutchinson Ave – what is the long term impact on taxes from the tax deferment for the restaurant. Council President Popiolek advised that it is not a deferment but a PILOT agreement, Payment in Lieu of Taxes, also known as a long term tax exemption. It does not mean that they are not paying taxes. The borough retains 95% of the funds directly in the municipality and the other 5% goes to the county. If we don't have a tax exemption it would be the standard taxes where only 23% would come to the borough, the remaining 77% would go to county, Open Space, library and the schools. While it may appear they are getting a slight discount, it benefits the municipality to the maximum. Solicitor Higgins added that there is no loss of revenue because the land we are talking about has not been taxed for the past ten years because the municipality has owned it.

Carmella Fanelle, 337 Hutchinson Ave – asked how the borough comes up with a basis for value of property so the borough knows how much to abate it? Council President Popiolek said we always try to calculate what the projected value of it is. The redevelopers attorney who was mayor of Medford, said what they have been doing is a percentage of what the total assessed taxation would be. In this case we are doing 90% so, if the standard taxation would be \$100,000, they would be liable for \$90,000. Solicitor Higgins added that the Tax Assessor comes up with the value of all the properties in town and values under the standards required under state law. Ms. Fanelle also read that the agreement was for thirty-five years and asked is that was steadfast. Solicitor Higgins said it is standard practice. Council President Popiolek added that it is the maximum we can go and it is to our benefit because once the PIOLT ends it goes back to Ad Valorem taxation. Solicitor Higgins advised that it is actually thirty years with fifteen years locked in with three five year renewals. If there is a problem with that in the future, a future council has the ability to get out of that agreement.

Seeing no further comments from the public, on a motion by Robenolt, second by Popiolek, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Ludwig, second by Popiolek, the ordinances were adopted with the following poll vote: Ludwig-yes, Harris-yes, Robenolt-yes, Popiolek-yes, Beach-yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING:

Ord. 1081 Granting Renewal of Municipal Consent to Comcast of Garden State, L.P. to Construct, Connect, Operate and Maintain a Cable Television and Communications system in the Borough of Barrington

On a motion by Popiolek, second by Harris, the first reading of the ordinances was approved with the following poll vote: Ludwig-yes, Harris-yes, Robenolt-yes, Popiolek-yes, Beach-yes.

RESOLUTION FOR INDIVIDUAL APPROVAL: The Clerk read the following resolution

9-2017-110 Approval for Civic Association and Friends of Benner to have a Beer Garden at the Barrington Girls Softball Complex as Part of Fundraiser on September 16

On a motion by Ludwig, second by Harris, the resolution was approved with the following poll vote: Ludwig-yes, Harris-yes, Robenolt-no, Popiolek-yes, Beach-yes.

RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA: The Clerk read the following resolutions

9-2017-111 Certifying a Lien against Certain Properties in Accordance with the Property Maintenance Code

9-2017-112 Approving a Shared Service Agreement with Runnemedede for Construction Office Svcs.

9-2017-113 Approving a Shared Service Agreement with Stratford for Electrical Official Svcs.

9-2017-114 Appointing Property Maintenance Official and Apartment/Rental CO Inspector

9-2017-115 Reappointing Judge McCrink for a Three-year Term

- 9-2017-116 Authorizing an Advance to Eileen Holcombe for the A.B.L.E. Food Distribution
- 9-2017-117 Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2017 Statewide Crackdown
- 9-2017-118 Permanent Appointment for Police Chief Uron
- 9-2017-119 Authorizing a Refund of Street Opening Escrow
- 9-2017-120 Appointing Ken Willson as a Member of the Barrington Fire Department
- 9-2017-121 Approving the September Bill List in the Total Amount of \$3,500,693.52

On a motion by Ludwig, second by Harris, the resolutions Resolution Consent Agenda as read was approved with the following poll vote: Ludwig-yes, Harris-yes, Robenolt-yes, Popiolek-yes, Beach-yes.

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS *(appointments by Mayor-no council approval)*

Appointing Rick Rettinger as a Class IV Member to the Unexpired Term vacated by David Bennett and expiring December 31, 2020

Appointing Diane Schreyer to the Class IV, Alternate #1, Unexpired Term vacated by Rick Rettinger and expiring December 31, 2019

Appointing Ernie Rink as a Class IV Alternate Member to an Unexpired Term expiring December 31, 2018

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY:

COUNCILMAN LUDWIG – school is starting so watch out for the kids. Eagles won on Sunday so I hope you are as happy as I am. Thanks DPW for help at the town Picnic, great job; it was a nice day. DPW will be working with Softball to do some maintenance projects. Councilman Beach did an outstanding with the pie eating contest, he beat four 10 year olds and he never gave up!

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS –thanks all for coming out tonight. The Harvest Festival is October 14 with a rain date the next day; we usually get about 10,000 people at the event, it's a great day. Little League, Girls Softball and Soccer have started fall sports. Congratulations to Dave Uron and Ken Willson. On August 27th Councilman Ludwig and the Councilwoman met with about forty 8th Graders and made snack bags for the Ronald McDonald House. Thanks to the Ambulance and Fire Company for their contributions and coming out helping the kids. One of our projects this year as council, along with the school, is to get the kids involved with community service projects before they graduate. School supplies are being collected for a school in Huston, TX; the school was not flooded but the kids are living in shelters. We have been assigned an 8th grade class, we will ship supplies to them and Fed Ex will not charge us for the shipping. Sorry she was not a t the town Picnic but she was sick, heard it was a great success. Happy birthday to my husband who is 50 tonight!

COUNCILMAN ROBENOLT – good evening and thanks for coming out. Congratulations to Chief Uron, you do an outstanding job and we are sure you will continue to do so and to Ken Willson, will you get your "Probie stripes" back? All of Public Safety Departments do an outstanding job and it is greatly appreciated. The Ambulance Chief is working on some continuing items to grow our Ambulance Corp. As was mentioned the kids are back in school and the Police will have a strong presence near the school so keep within the speed limit or expect a ticket. Enjoy the rest of your day.

Councilman Ludwig added that Clerk Terry Shannon also did a good job at the picnic on Saturday.

COUNCILMAN BEACH – congratulations Chief, you are doing a good job and we are glad to have you hear permanent. Congratulations again to Ken Willson. And DPW did do a great job on Saturday at the picnic, thank you all. Thanks for the questions on the tax for Wild Wings Café and the PILOT Program. I had a lot of questions myself in the beginning and our Council President summed it up and it was the best thing for our town and for our residents. For our Seniors, if you are a senior or know any, tomorrow, September 13, there is an Ice Cream Social at the VFW/SRC at 6 pm, call Eileen Holcombe to sign up.

On Wednesday, October 11, there is a Seniors Evening Out and the Bobby Blank Band will be entertaining, this is free of charge so come out and socialize and enjoy the evening.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT POPIOLEK – thanks for coming out and taking time from your evening to find out what is happening in your community. We had an outstanding event on Saturday and I have to thank Terry, our Clerk and she spearheaded the picnic with the Kiwanis Club of the Haddons. It was an outstanding event and not bragging, but my 7 year old did win the pie eating contest! It was a nice event and the weather was perfect. Thanks to the Business Association for participating in the event as well. DPW, Police, Ambulance, Fire, all did an outstanding job as they do at all events. Thanks council for supporting our economy with your support of the PILOT Program for Wild Wing Café. We had one in place for the WAWA which is already benefitting our town. We are still working very hard on the Chick-Fil-A property and hoping to have them at the Planning Board by the end of the year. When you hear someone is maybe getting a tax break that is usually not the case. We use the tax exemption as a tool to stabilize our local tax base. We are a completely built out town; we can't have a development come in with 40 homes so we need to take advantage of whatever we can to bring in as much revenue to offset our costs. Enjoy what is left of summer and see you in the fall. Hope the Eagles keep on this winning streak!

MAYOR KLAUS – it was a great day Saturday, we thank the Committee including Sharon Beach, Valerie Beach, Amber Gordy, Kim Kellog, Kelly Neiman, Janice Bantle, Sherry Glaser, Eileen Holcombe and the Kiwanis for all their hard work. Terry Shannon has been fronting the Centennial Committee with all the events that have been going on so she has been very busy this year. There was a ton of young families at the picnic and that was good to see. Unfortunately, some of the fall sports started that day so people were in and out all day; it was well attended and a great day! Thank you everyone involved and also who attended. Thanks also to DPW, Police, Fire and Ambulance who all attended. Harvest Fest is the next big event and it is always well attended so get there early. Thanks all for coming out tonight.

PUBLIC PORTION: On a motion by Popiolek second by Beach, the public portion of the meeting was opened. Mayor Klaus 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.

Carmella Fanelle, 337 Hutchinson Ave – where will Chick Fil-A be located and will they have a PILOT program? Council President Popiolek said yes we do anticipate a PILOT and Chick Fil-A will be located on the White Horse Pike where Robert Block's Law Office was and include the two homes behind the office. Also asked about coin tosses stating they are dangerous. Some people don't pay attention. Councilwoman Harris said that council is already looking into some of the same questions Ms. Fanelle asked about the coin tosses. \$1,800 can be made in one day--we are looking at other safer ways for them to make the money they need. We are looking for other opportunities that we can offer to support our organizations without impacting the residents and safety. Councilman Beach added that one of the councilmen has a good idea that doesn't involve anybody being in the street or anywhere near harm's way--we are all concerned about the same things you brought up.

Paul Gross, 346 Tavistock Blvd – does not understand the PILOT. How much goes to school or how much is the PILOT actually paying. Council President said there is no school tax on a PILOT program. Mr. Gross asked if their taxes are \$4000, is \$3600 coming to the town? Solicitor Higgins said that is correct but \$180 of the \$3600 goes to the County as they get 5%. Councilman Ludwig added that it is confusing until you understand how it works. Mr. Gross said he now understands.

Seeing no further comments from the public, on a motion by Popiolek, second by Robenolt, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

With no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Harris, second by Ludwig, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm.

APPROVED: Terry Shannon
Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk