

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES, Wednesday, November 8, 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 and the following were present:

Council President Popiolek, Councilman Beach, Councilwoman Harris and Councilman Ludwig and Councilman Robenolt. Councilwoman Fawley arrived at 6:10pm. Also present were Solicitor Tim Higgins, Clerk Terry Shannon, CFO Denise Moules and Eileen Holcombe, Secretary to Mayor and Council. Mayor Klaus was absent.

First Public Portion—on a motion by Councilwoman Harris, second by Councilman Beach, the first public portion of the meeting was opened. Chris Vennitti of Nassau Drive North was present to request that the easement that runs through his back yard be vacated. He believes it would only impact his property. After more discussion Vennitti was advised that he needs to post a \$1500 escrow and then we will have the engineer look at the property and prepare a recommendation.

Seeing no further public comments, on a motion by Ludwig and Robenolt, the public portion was closed.

Engineer

Greg Evans from KEI Engineers the following action items for the council agenda: resolution for NJDOT Local Freight Impact Funding for Commerce Drive, Award or Rejection of the bids that will be received tomorrow for the Copley Road curb ramps project. Greg then reviewed highlights of the monthly engineer's report as follows: they will be done with the plans for the police department interior improvements by the end of the month; Clements Bridge Road traffic signal has been changed to all red and Conrail is working on the geometrics for the gates; Centennial Park barriers have been ordered; Woodland and Newton speed study shows drivers don't realize when the limit is 15 MPH so we recommend another road sign and painting Slow School in the road, also a blinker can be considered; street opening ordinance needs to be amended to require full repaving after multiple openings are done--we will work on the language to get it ready for introduction; we requested meeting with new management of Village of Haddonfield to discuss stormwater management and dumpsters. Councilman Ludwig added that Bellmawr is finishing their war memorial and will then have time to do the Shreve Avenue parking lot.

Administration

♦Discussion about noise ordinance—will be amended to prohibit use of landscaping equipment before 8am on Sundays. Ordinance will be introduced at council.

♦Discussion about Shared Service Agreement for court—agreement is ready to be approved. Regarding capital improvement clause—we want language that states any capital improvements will be reported to us in advance so we know how funds are being spent. Higgins said he will revise. Also Heights is out as of December 31 and Brooklawn is in for January 1. Resolution will be on the agenda.

♦Gloucester City brine agreement—needs to be renewed. Price is the same as last year. Resolution will be on the agenda.

♦Fair and Open process for selection of professionals—resolution will be on the agenda.

Council Agenda Review:

Ordinances for introduction—noise ordinance and street openings as discussed.

Resolutions--

- Fair and Open process
- Property maintenance liens
- Budget transfers and cancellations
- Chapter 159 for Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over
- Naming Delco Land LLC as redeveloper for Chik-fil-A property
- November bill list

Finance

CFO Moules reviewed the standard monthly reports for October including police overtime and revenue status. All budget accounts are in the black except for a couple, engineering because of Copley, street lighting repairs because of unexpected repairs; resolution for transfers and cancellations will be on the agenda.

Council Reports

Councilman Robenolt—list of candidates for SLEO's has been narrowed down. Hope to appoint next month. Department has one more training for body cams and then they will be up and running. We had someone look at the roof at the firehouse/ambulance building—present roofing needs to be completely removed. Need to look at in more detail before final decisions are made on how to proceed.

Councilman Beach—congratulations to Kirk and Candice on their re-election. Thanks to all for helping with the campaign.

Councilwoman Harris—fire parade is November 24; we got more snowflakes and will slowly be replacing the wreaths; Trunk or Treat went well—next year we would like to supply candy; Harvest Fest was great; need to meet with Wayne and the Chief about kids in the playground after hours; recreation committee is meeting next Monday to discuss moving Barrington Day to Deerr Field. This led to discussion about increasing the number of events we hold in town but there is a problem getting volunteers. Some of the towns around us actually pay planners to coordinate events. This is something that needs to be looked at further.

Council President Popiolek—we have three ribbon cuttings on Black Friday at 5pm, Fade Salon, Donut Revolution and the Comic Book Store—please try to attend; please be sure to support local businesses. This led to extensive discussion about how we can support our local businesses. Councilman Ludwig said he has a friend who works for the Small Business Association in Washington and he will speak to him to see if he can come talk with us and come up with some ideas. Council President Popiolek then reported there was a wetlands issue with the proposed Chik-fil-A property but they have come up with a plan that they hope will be approved by DEP. We need to name Delco Land as the redeveloper for the property. This led to discussion about PILOT agreements. The governing body wants to make sure they will be paying their fair share of taxes. Kirk explained the benefits of PILOT programs in that they encourage more valuable rateables to come into town which generates jobs. The Chik-fil-A property is different from Wawa and Wild Wing Café because the borough took on all the risk and acquired those properties so the PILOT revenue comes to the town. The situation with Chik-fil-A is different and the schools will get a portion of that tax revenue from the PILOT.

On a motion by Councilwoman Harris, second by Councilman Ludwig, the second public portion was opened. Elizabeth Kennedy from the Barrington Business Association asked about the bike pathway planned on Atlantic Avenue and what the parking impact will be. Clerk Shannon explained it will be on the Heights side of Atlantic Avenue and will not impact parking. Kennedy reported we have another new business—USA Kitchens and Flooring on the White Horse Pike. She added that she hopes that everyone will recommend local businesses to anyone looking for something that we offer. We need to think local. Councilman Beach asked if any of the businesses have brochures that can be picked-up say in Wawa. He picks them up when he is travelling and thinks others will as well. Kennedy said some of the businesses do that but not all. She likes Councilman Ludwig's idea of talking with

someone from the SBA. She added that she thinks the reason a lot of the businesses don't participate with Barrington Day is because they are open that day and Barrington Day does not draw their target audience. The BBA will be taking over the Harvest Fest next year and it will be different. They will be trying to shift focus to the local businesses.

Gary Glaser of Newton Avenue expressed gratitude for the slow but steady progress on speeding on Newton and Woodland Avenues.

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

Action item: Resolution for approval, No. 11-2017-133, Authorizing a Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contractual and/or Attorney Client Privileged Litigation Matters

On a motion by Councilwoman Harris, second by Councilwoman Fawley, the resolution was approved with the following poll vote: Popiolek-yes; Beach-yes; Fawley-yes; Harris-yes; Ludwig-yes; Robenolt-yes. Resolution was approved.

On a motion by Councilwoman Harris, second by Councilwoman Fawley, the caucus meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:19pm with all members present in favor.

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