

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2017, 2:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BOROUGH HALL**

The Reorganization Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Barrington was held January 7, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at the Barrington Municipal Building, with Mayor Robert Klaus presiding.

HONOR GUARD & PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Barrington Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troop 96 presented the colors and preceded Council into the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Noah, Abigail, Aaron and Emily Popiolek led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Pastor Colton Dempsey, Grace Bible Church, delivered the invocation.

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Beth Griffith and the Barrington Band performed our National Anthem.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klaus called the meeting to order with the reading of the "Sunshine Statement".

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Mayor Klaus thanked the Boy Scouts and Barrington Band. He then recognized the dignitaries in attendance including Assemblyman Arthur Barclay, Assemblywoman Pat Jones, Freeholder Susan Shin-Angulo, and Sheriff "Whip" Wilson. Each of the dignitaries present said a few words. Mayor Klaus thanked them all for their attendance.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councilman Kirk Popiolek was sworn into office by the Assemblyman Arthur Barclay, with his wife and children at his side.

Councilwoman Candice Fawley was sworn into office by Assemblywoman Patricia Egan Jones, with her husband, son and sister at her side.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

The Municipal Clerk called the roll of Council with the following present: Councilman Ludwig, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Robenolt, Councilman Popiolek, Councilman Beach and Councilwoman Fawley. Also on the dais were Mayor Robert Klaus, Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk, and Borough Solicitor Timothy Higgins, Esq.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

BARRINGTON HOMETOWN HERO award was presented to EMT Alexis Holman, EMT Rebecca Dalton and Corporal Ken Lampe, by Councilman Robenolt for their efforts in responding to an emergency delivery and saving the life of the mother and baby.

POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR was presented by Councilman Robenolt and Chief Dave Uron to Officer Patrick D'Ascenzo.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR was presented by Mayor Klaus and Councilwoman Harris to Marie Dobisch for her many years of volunteerism.

BARRINGTON BEST award was presented by Councilman Ludwig to Chris Lofink for her dedication to the beautification of Barrington.

MAYOR'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE was presented to Devon and Logan Robenolt by Councilwoman Harris and Mayor Klaus for their sportsmanship and citizenship.

TIME CAPSULE AND READING OF ESSAYS

Barrington Band presented a recent picture of the Barrington Band and Phylicia Robenolt presented a calendar coin from Congressman Donald Norcross. Councilwoman Harris invited Woodland School 6th Graders to read their essays "What I Like About Barrington" which were written as part of the Centennial celebration. Six children were in attendance and read their essays to the audience.

MUSICAL SELECTION

Barrington Band performed a musical selection.

REMARKS BY NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councilwoman Fawley thanked all for coming out in such cold weather. She thanked her family for their support and told Council it has been great working with them for the past ten months. She appreciates all the help and guidance she has received.

Councilman Popiolek thanked all for coming out today and thanked the Barrington residents for allowing him the honor and privilege to serve you for the past 14 years. He thanked the federal and state officials and freeholders. He also thanked his family for their love and support and added he is looking forward to another three years of service.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mayor Klaus opened the floor for nominations for President of Council. Councilwoman Harris nominated Councilman Ludwig which nomination was seconded Councilman Robenolt. With no other nominees the following poll vote was taken: Ludwig-yes; Harris-yes; Robenolt-yes; Popiolek-yes; Beach-yes; Fawley-yes.

The motion was carried.

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Municipal Clerk read the following Appointments by Mayor Klaus with no confirmation necessary:

Class II Member, one year term expiring 12/31/18, Steve DePierri
Class III Member, one year term expiring 12/31/18, Michael Beach
Class IV Member, four year term expiring 12/31/21, Ken Willson
Class IV Member, four year term expiring 12/31/21, Edward Harrell
Class IV Member, unexpired term expiring 12/31/18, Diane Schreyer
Class IV Alt. 1 Member, two-year term expiring 12/31/19, Ernie Rink
Class IV Alt. 2 Member, unexpired term expiring 12/31/18, Karen Cilurso

BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENTS

The Municipal Clerk read the following Council Appointments: Terry Shannon, three year term ending 12/31/20. On a Motion by Fawley, second by Ludwig, the Board of Health appointments as read by the Municipal Clerk were approved with all council members in favor.

MOTION WAS CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL BY CONSENT AGENDA

The Municipal Clerk advised that she would read the following Resolutions by title, one after another, and Council would have the opportunity to vote as a Consent Agenda at the end of the reading. The Clerk advised that the Resolutions are posted on the bulletin board outside these doors:

- 1-2018-1 Individual Borough Appointments
- 1-2018-2 Adopting a Temporary Budget
- 1-2018-3 Authorizing Agreements for Professional Services for 2018
- 1-2018-4 Awarding Contracts for Animal Control and Shelter Services
- 1-2018-5 Appointing Representatives to the Camden Co. Community Development Board
- 1-2018-6 Designating 2018 Official Meeting Dates
- 1-2018-7 Authorizing the Petty Cash Fund
- 1-2018-8 Designating Legal and Official Newspapers for 2018
- 1-2018-9 Designating Depositories
- 1-2018-10 Setting the Interest Rate Charges for Delinquent Taxes
- 1-2018-11 Authorizing Investment of Idle Funds and Transfers
- 1-2018-12 Adopting a Cash Management Plan
- 1-2018-13 Designating Healthcare Companies
- 1-2018-14 Appointing Municipal Court Personnel
- 1-2018-15 Appointing the HIF and JIF Alternate Commissioner
- 1-2018-16 Committee Assignments for 2018

On a Motion by Ludwig, seconded by Beach, the Resolutions were approved with the following poll vote: Ludwig-yes, Harris-yes, Robenolt-yes, Popiolek-yes, Beach-yes, Fawley-yes.

MOTION WAS CARRIED

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Klaus advised that if you have a comment or question to please come forward and state your name and address for the record.

On a Motion by Harris, seconded by Fawley, the public portion of the meeting was opened

Allison Carroll of Blenheim, NJ – President of the Barrington Band, thanked the people of Barrington and Mayor and Council for their support through the years and for providing the Barrington Recreation Center for them to practice. The band started here in 1912, over a century ago and they are looking forward to their next century. Thank you for this wonderful home.

Diane Schreyer of Barrington commended and thanked the Governing Body for their work and commitment; this includes every department, committee and volunteer. It is clear that the commitment of the governing body is to the people. We can't go wrong if you have governing body that is committed to the people.

Mayor Klaus thanked the band for today's event and said we always appreciate them and we also look forward to them being here a long time.

Seeing no further comments from the public on a motion by Robenolt, seconded by Fawley, the public portion of the meeting was closed with all members of Council present in favor.

MOTION WAS CARRIED

REMARKS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY:

COUNCILMAN BEACH – congratulated Councilwoman Fawley and Councilman Popiolek on their election. Thanked Councilman Popiolek for being Council President for so many years and doing such a great job and congratulated Councilman Ludwig on becoming the new President of Council. As you heard the 7th Graders say and people from the audience, this is a tight community and I thank you for electing me to be here and witness this in person. This is our Anniversary and we have multiple families, such as the Willson family, who have lived here the whole 100 years, you just don't see that in other communities. We have multiple families that have moved several times and it was all in Barrington because they don't want to leave here, it is a testament to our community. I look forward to my next two years of service along with the rest of Council and the Mayor. This community is what it is because of you and all the volunteers. Thank you all and have a good 2018.

COUNCILMAN ROBENOLT – good afternoon and thank you for coming. Thanks to all our elected officials for coming out to enjoy our Reorganization. Congratulations to all the award winners, appointees and professional staff. My department heads do an excellent job, as well as their staff, and it makes my job as Public Safety Director easier and I appreciate all their efforts. If you have any concerns I am always available by phone or email. Have a safe and happy year and thank you for coming out.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS – thank you all for coming out in this weather, we appreciate you being here. We have a large Reorganization; some towns don't do this, we really celebrate the New Year. Thanks to our employees and volunteers, all of you give so much without being asked; Like Chris Lofink and Marie Dobisch, nobody is asking them to come do what they do, and Logan and Devon, they just do it. As one of the most emotional Council person, reading those essays really brought tears to my eyes. I am here because of what you say, we really do have a remarkable town; we are all friends and family and you can walk down the street and everyone says hello. I am proud to serve such an awesome community. Thank you very much.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LUDWIG – congratulated Kirk and Candice on their elections. Said the Borough staff is here every day doing their job and it makes our job easier, you do a lot of stuff to make sure the residents are taken care of and I truly appreciate it. Thanks to council for electing me as Council President. The people in this town make it what it is, the volunteers, the people make it great. As long as we keep it that way for the next 100 years it will be the same. Thank you all and hopefully Barrington's favorite quarterback Nick Foles will take care of the Eagles! Happy New Year.

MAYOR KLAUS – congratulated Candice and Kirk on their election and Councilman Ludwig on his election as President of Council. If you have any questions or concerns you know where I live! Thanks to the Centennial Committee. We had a great year and we will continue that. In April we will have a Borough Dinner to conclude and wrap up Centennial celebration along with celebration of the new playground, Wish Upon a Star playground is being refurbished through Kiwanis and County funds along with grants and donations. As soon as the date is settled we will publicize it and hope to see you all there. Thanks to Police, Fire, Ambulance, Public Works and all our Borough employees in general. As mentioned, this town would not be what it is. We celebrate every year the volunteers and people that help out because without them this municipality would not be what it is. It is people friendly, neighbor friendly and family friendly. Happy New Year and thank you very much for coming out.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Was led by band Director Penny Teter and her daughter Beth Griffith and the band with the public joining in and singing. Mayor Klaus asked all to stand for this presentation.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Colton Dempsey, Grace Bible Church presented the benediction.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no other business to be transacted on a Motion by Harris, seconded by Beach, the Reorganization Meeting was adjourned at 3:09pm.

Approved: Terry Shannon
Municipal Clerk