

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES, Tuesday, May 1, 2018, 6:00pm

Council President Ludwig called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with the reading of the Sunshine Notice. He led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk called roll and the following were present: Councilman Popiolek, Councilman Beach, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Ludwig and Councilman Robenolt. Councilwoman Fawley had an excused absence. 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 Harris, second by Councilman Robenolt, the first public portion of the meeting was opened. Present was Elizabeth Kennedy, president of the BBA who announced that their next meeting is May 10 and she invited the governing body to attend.

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

Mayor Klaus arrived to the meeting at 6:15pm.

Discussion Items

Engineer--Greg read highlights of the monthly report and provided updates on the following:

- ♦2018 CDBG funding—application was submitted for improvements at VFW and senior citizen program.
- ♦2018 DOT Municipal Aid—you received \$300,000 for Commerce Drive Phase 2. We gave schedule of costs to Denise and upon authorization we will begin the plans and specs.
- ♦2016/17 Capital Improvement Program—report was submitted and need to schedule a meeting to discuss.
- ♦Wish upon a Star Playground—DPW completed rough grading and tree removal. Meeting this week with Mike Wiley, Mike Ciocco, Bob Harris and contractor to set the construction schedule.
- ♦Copley Road—contractor will be commencing shortly. Utility mark-outs have been ordered. Terry asked about speed sign—Mike Ciocco thought it was being moved from Copley to Mercer. Greg said it is not. Councilman Ludwig that we are first going to increase police enforcement on Mercer to see if it helps with speed at all.
- ♦USDA sliplining project—plans were revised after meeting with Turnpike Authority. We are now scheduling receipt of bids. USDA has already approve.
- ♦Village at Haddonfield—I will be meeting with Mr. Ackerman to discuss replacement of wood fence.

Mayor Klaus asked if there were any questions for Greg. Terry reported that Mike spoke with Joe Ciano and it makes sense to wait to do the Shreve Ave parking lot until June when Little League season is over. Mike will discuss with Sam as well.

Terry added that Edmund Optics asked if they can change some of their parking spots to be smaller than 9x18 to accommodate compact cars. They also requested a pedestrian crossing on Gloucester Pike that is not at an intersection. Solicitor Higgins said they would need approval from the County and we would need to do an ordinance. Terry said apparently some of their employees are parking across the street. Greg said the County's policy is the town would have to do a traffic study and then prepare plans and get an engineer's certification. Higgins said all this information should be sent to them informing them they would have to pay for all costs incurred. Greg will prepare a write-up that can be forwarded to Edmund Optics.

That concluded the engineer's report so Greg left the meeting.

Administration—Clerk Shannon reported on the following items:

- ♦Parking at the salon next to VFW—DPW will be posting “No Parking” signs at the lot informing VFW guests that parking is prohibited.
- ♦Ordinance to increase Fire Alliance inspection fees—we met with the towns and all were in agreement. They are introducing the corresponding ordinance. We have received all the resolutions authorizing the shared service except for Hi-Nella.
- ♦Grand opening for Playground—we may want to reach out to Girl’s Softball to see if they want to sell food. We will provide water ice or ice cream. Councilman Ludwig said he will reach out to Sean who runs softball. We may want to consider a Blue Bunny truck or something similar. We would have a limited menu so we can control costs.
- ♦Letter from Planning Board attorney—the Planning Board is requesting that the governing body consider adopting an ordinance prohibiting flag lots. This is a property that is behind another property. Existing lots would be grandfathered. After more discussion, the governing body authorized the solicitor to prepare the ordinance.

Clerk Shannon reviewed the following for the agenda:

Public Hearing and adoption of the 2018 Salary Ordinance

Introduction of the ordinance to increase the Fire Alliance inspection fees and the ordinance to prohibit flag lots.

Resolutions:

- Authorizing Budget to be read by title at time of public hearing
- Authorizing agreement with CCIA for project management of firehouse roof project
- Designating new property maintenance officers
- May bill list

We will also hold the public hearing on the 2018 Municipal Budget and then adopt the Budget.

Finance--CFO Moules reported on the following items:

Review of monthly financial reports—all expenditures still in the black. Any negative balances will be covered by adoption of the budget. Revenues are trending well. 1st Colonial Community Bank has increased interest from .25% to .5% so we will make a little more in interest. They are also again sponsoring the fireworks in the amount of \$6000.

Council Reports:

Councilwoman Harris—resident Dot Egner, former HHHS teacher, passed away. Class of 2013 wants to put a garden and plaque in at the playground in her honor. May 12 is softball tournament at Shreve Ave and we have a team put together. We will play against coaches from baseball and softball. May 19 is Barrington Day and it is all set. Memorial Day is May 28 and Shane Camardo is guest speaker. Kirk is working with Scouts to spruce up the vestibule at VFW. DPW is installing plug-ins to try to combat the odor at the VFW. 8th Grade dance will be there on June 9. Graduation is June 13.

Councilman Robenolt—firehouse roof was damaged during recent storm. DPW did some repairs but it is still leaking. We want to use CCIA to help with plans and procurement of replacement of the roof. We need to move forward with this ASAP as the current roof is deteriorating. We hope to have a new roof by the winter. The Fire Alliance met with all the towns and it went very well.

Councilman Beach—senior event with a band and dancing is May 16, 6:30pm at the VFW.

Councilman Popiolek—Chik-Fil-A engineer is complete. We need to review our bulk variances before they go before the Planning Board. Contacted Tony Arcodia to assure him that the schools will not lose any tax revenue from this project.

Councilwoman Harris thanked Kirk for allowing the 8th grade class to use his parking lot and water for their car wash. They raised \$1000 and it was a great day.

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Popiolek, the second public portion was opened. Present was Ernie Rink from Hobart Drive who was there to support introduction of the ordinance to prohibit flag lots. He also spoke about speeding on Mercer Drive. He believes speeding is a big problem over there. He saw an accident recently where an SUV was speeding on the curve and hit a telephone pole. Speeding on Mercer needs to be addressed.

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

Seeing no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Councilwoman Harris, second by Councilman Beach, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm.

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