

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES, Wednesday, July 2, 2018, 6:00pm

Mayor Klaus 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 Fawley, and Councilman Ludwig. Councilwoman Harris was absent and Council Robenolt arrived at 6:08pm. 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 Popiolek, the first public portion of the meeting was opened. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Councilman Popiolek, second by Councilman Ludwig, the first public portion was closed.

Discussion Items

Administration—Clerk Shannon reported on the following items:

- ♦Plans for grand opening of Playground were discussed. Sketch for layout was reviewed. Problem with pouring of rubber surface was discussed. Because of excessive heat, only a portion of the surface will be done. We may have to open and then close again so the surface can be completed.
- ♦Resolution for settlement of dispute with property owners of 304 West 2nd Avenue is ready to be approved. Homeowners have signed settlement agreement.
- ♦New Jersey Clean Energy program—we received the reports after they evaluated our facilities and they were reviewed by the governing body. CFO Moules had some questions regarding the info in the report but the vendor answered her questions. We will recoup our investment in about three and a half years. After more discussion, it was determined we will move forward with the program.
- ♦Air B & B's—there are four listed on the website as being in Barrington. Rooming houses are not permitted in Barrington per our zoning code. Solicitor Higgins asked if the governing body wants to prohibit these or do you want to regulate them. In other towns, they have to be registered as a rental property and they are then inspected. The governing body decided they do not want to prohibit but will regulate. Tim will put something together specific to Barrington for review by the P-Z-C meeting.
- ♦Resolution opposing S-716, S-477 and S-1766—JIF is asking we approve a resolution opposing this legislation. This pertains to cancer in emergency responders. The JIF believes the legislation is too broad and creates a huge potential liability for municipalities. The governing body said they wanted a chance to read the bills before making a determination.
- ♦Discussion about email received from Thy Kingdom Come—they want to do a mobile food pantry. They would park a truck on public property and let people know their location through social media. After some discussion, it was determined we will let them know they just need to let us know in advance where they plan to do this, what day and times. Also, any food that is being prepared using propane will need to be inspected by the Fire Marshal. Solicitor Higgins added he believes this is a Carson Wentz charity.

Review of items for council agenda:

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption

1090, Amending Chapter 107 (prohibiting flag lots)

1091, Amending Chapter 128 (overlay zone for Chick-Fil-A project)

1092, Amending Article III, Maintenance of Vacant Properties

Introduction of ordinance for Old Rail easement so they can have tables outside. Tim is revising language to include site requirements for safety and parking.

Introduction of bond ordinances

Resolutions:

Resolution for Safe Routes to Schools and DOT Set-asides applications

Resolution to amend salaries for concrete services

Property maintenance liens

Resolution for settlement of dispute for 304 W. 2nd Avenue

Chapter 159

Accepting the 2017 Audit Report

July bill list

Finance--CFO Moules reported on the following items:

Capital bond ordinance discussion—Councilman Ludwig said Mike suggested we can lease a street sweeper that we can share with Oaklyn. CFO Moules said it will cost more to lease. The interest rate is higher than if we bond and purchase the sweeper with another town. There is also a possibility of using Runnemede's street sweeper. Mike said a street sweeper is a good piece of equipment to share but not a Jet-Vac. When you have a sewer backup, you need a Jet-Vac right away. Street sweepings can be scheduled. After more discussion, it was decided we will not purchase the street sweeper and will explore a shared service. CFO Moules said that completes the capital requests. The Jet-Vac will be under sewer capital. We still don't know what the cost for the firehouse roof will be. Once that has been determined, we will need another capital ordinance. The capital bond ordinances will be on the agenda for introduction.

Engineer—Greg Evans reported on the following items:

Action items—voucher No. 1 for Think Pavers for playground project.

Review of engineer's report:

- ♦ Safe Routes to Schools—application will be submitted for round-about on Mercer at Whitman. We are meeting with school and Cross County Connections next week to develop application.
- ♦ Transportation Set-asides—we are recommending you submit an application for Beaver Brook storm drain improvements.
- ♦ Municipal Aid application—received \$300,000 with Commerce Drive. Funding will be available in September so we will bid it for the September meeting.
- ♦ Capital improvement program—concrete improvements throughout the borough and curb replacement on Fifth Avenue.
- ♦ Copley Road—Diamond Construction completed curb ramps. We are preparing punch-list. PSE&G will do the one remaining corner as they are installing a new gas main.
- ♦ Village at Haddonfield—they are replacing the fence where the dumpster was.

Council Reports:

Councilman Robenolt—everything is in place for parade and fireworks. Heat index will be over 100 when the parade starts. We are as prepared as we can be. He will circulate the engineering proposals for putting the roof packages together for everyone's review. These are the bids obtained by CCIA.

Council President Ludwig—it is 9000 degrees outside. He hopes everyone enjoys the holiday.

Councilman Popiolek—hopes everyone enjoys the holiday.

Councilman Beach—are we chasing the fire engines tomorrow? Hopefully we won't have to run since it will be 9000 degrees.

Councilwoman Fawley—she is working on getting another string band since Hegeman cancelled today. She was contacted by a group from Edmunds Optics that wants to do a town clean-up. They would like to do something in the fall.

Clerk Shannon suggested we reach out to the town for bands to perform during the parade in the future. We have a lot of kids in town who are in bands and would love to perform in the parade. The governing body agreed this would be a good idea for the future.

Mayor Klaus—we received a letter from the County about Project Save. They are having a get together to discuss the program. Clerk Shannon said she and Patti are attending.

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Robenolt, the second public portion of the meeting was opened. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Popiolek, the second public portion was closed.

Seeing no further business to be discussed, on a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Popiolek, the meeting was adjourned to closed session at 7:26pm.

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