

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES, Wednesday, September 4, 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, Councilwoman Harris and Councilman Ludwig. Councilman Robenolt was absent. 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 Ludwig, the first public portion of the meeting was opened. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilwoman Harris, the first public portion was closed.

Discussion Items

Engineer--Greg Evans reviewed the following action items:

- ♦Vacation of a portion of Avon Road as requested by the Village of Haddonfield. It is an unimproved section that fronts two of the apartment buildings and it makes sense to vacate. They would like to construct a playground. Ordinance to vacate was approved for introduction.
- ♦2019 Municipal Aid application—Commerce Drive Phase III, Austin Ave (Second Ave to Third), Pedestrian Safety on Copley Road and Bikeway on East Atlantic. Resolution will be on the agenda.
- ♦Award the bids for Commerce Drive Phase II. We received one bid from Marandino. It is about \$4000 over the estimate but it is not an issue. Award resolution will be on the agenda.
- ♦Bids for USDA sliplining project—we will receive bids on September 11 and will make a resolution for award that night.

Review of engineer's report:

- ♦Transporation Alternative Set-asides—application was submitted through SAGE on August 23.
- ♦Paving of Shreve Ave ballfield lot—will start after September 15.
- ♦Affordable housing letter—Scott Smith investigated and submitted a letter. He sees no harm in reading the letter at the meeting but first consult with the solicitor. Solicitor Higgins said there is no need to go forward with this.

Administration—Clerk Shannon reported on the following items:

- ♦Resolution in support of electric vehicles—Councilman Ludwig received an email from Environmental NJ requesting we approve resolution. Resolution will be on the agenda.
- ♦Plans for playground—fence will be just under \$12,000. It is a custom order aluminum fence, three feet high. Waiting for official notice we got the \$25,000 from Open Space. We may wait on the pavilion until the spring. We will go ahead with the trash cans, the water line and the fence.
- ♦Ordinance for soliciting/peddling due to change in state law—new law says soliciting ends at 9pm. Can establish a "No Knock" list that is distributed by the police department to all solicitors. Solicitor Higgins will prepare ordinance for introduction.
- ♦Ordinance for NJ Public Health Nuisance code—we need to adopt so the County Health Department can issue violations when necessary. Ordinance will be on the agenda for introduction.
- ♦Town wide yard sale—to benefit the TNR program. Date is October 20. Resolution will be on the agenda. Review of items for council agenda:

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Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

- ♦1096, Granting Easement to WLM, LLC (Old Rail)

Ordinances for introduction on first reading:

- ◆Amending peddling and soliciting resolutions
- ◆Adopting the NJ Public Health Nuisance Code
- ◆Vacation of a portion of Avon Toad

Resolutions:

- ◆Resolutions for DOT Municipal Aid applications (four)
- ◆Awarding the bid received for Commerce Drive
- ◆Resolution in support of electric vehicles
- ◆Resolution authorizing execution of NJ Turnpike Authority Agreements (for the sliplining project)
- ◆Resolution approving the town wide yard sale for the TNR program
- ◆September bill list
- ◆Appointing Sam Cass as apartment rental inspector (due to resignation of Mike Drumm who got a full time job)

Finance--CFO Moules reported on the following items:

Standard monthly reports were reviewed and all accounts are running well. Don't get excited about the bank balances—we haven't paid the school or the county yet.

Council Reports:

Councilwoman Harris—Civic Association hosting event this Saturday at Shreve Ave; Harvest Fest October 13, October 20 is a new event—Scarecrow decorating contest. Scarecrows will be registered here on the 20th and will be hung on the poles along Clements Bridge Road. Judging will be October 21. Trunk or Treat is October 26; PBA will be doing "pumpkin picking with the police". Then we will move into the Christmas Parade and breakfast with Santa.

Councilman Beach—attended the TNR fundraiser Saturday night. They raised \$3000 at this event.

Councilman Ludwig—things in DPW running well. School starts tomorrow so please drive carefully—traffic will be crazy again.

Councilwoman Fawley had nothing to report this evening.

Councilman Popiolek—realtor had approached him about buying the former Barrington Cleaners property. I gave everyone a copy of the appraisal which is \$142,000 but that is based on income producing. It could be used for the Fire Alliance. We need space for organizations to meet so we could repurpose upstairs for that purpose. This needs to be discussed further. Chik Fil A expects to break ground at the end of this year or the beginning of next year as long as they have all their permitting.

Councilman Beach—we need scoopers for the Barrington Seniors Ice Cream Social on September 19. Would like to see some councilmembers there. Dinner and a show event for the seniors is planned for November.

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig second by Councilman Popiolek, the second public portion of the meeting was opened. Eileen Holcombe asked why we need to install another fence at the playground. Councilwoman Harris explained little kids can run right out of the playground and parents have requested additional fencing for security.

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

Seeing no further business to be discussed, on a motion by Councilwoman Fawley, second by Councilman Beach, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm with all in favor.

Approved: Terry Shannon
Terry Shannon, Clerk/RMC