

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES, Tuesday, January 8, 2019 6:00pm

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

The Clerk called roll and the following were present: Councilman Beach, Councilwoman Harris Councilman Ludwig and Councilman Robenolt. Councilman Popiolek and Councilwoman Fawley had an excused absence. Mayor Klaus was also absent due to illness. 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 Beach, 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's report—Engineer Greg Evans reported on the following:

- Action items--award or reject the bids for the VFW senior center handicapped doors and approve a resolution for NJDOT Local Freight Impact Funding. This will be for the next phase of Commerce Drive improvements.

Review of monthly engineer's report:

- Concrete program—curbing on 5th Avenue is next and then we need to develop a program for the Gardens section.
- Beaverbrook drainage study—we will be talking with the CFO about the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank and what funding may be available for this project.
- Regarding possible purchase of property across the street—Greg Fusco did inspect and submitted a report. Concern about the drainage which will need to be addressed. Evidence of some past termite damage in the basement. Suggest that Chris Mecca inspect the structure as well. Also the building will need handicapped access.

Administration—Clerk Shannon reported on the following items:

- Ordinance for concrete driveway aprons and sidewalks—ordinance requiring all driveway aprons and sidewalks to be constructed or reconstructed of concrete will be on the council agenda for introduction.
- Resolution for application for Drug Alliance funding will be on this agenda for approval.
- We will be using a new printer for Barrington on Track and cost will be higher. Previous printer went out of business.
- We will be doing a mailing to all residents regarding pet licensing and rabies clinic on March 16. Letter will also include state mandated language about animal cruelty laws. Also we want to ask the County for a grant to help with the costs of the TNR program. Councilwoman Harris suggested we reach out to Nash's office.
- We are getting seven tablets that will be used by the governing body for caucus and council meetings.
- Need to appoint Karen Cilurso to planning board as an alternate. This will also be on the council agenda.

Review of items for council agenda:

- Introduce ordinance for concrete sidewalks and driveway aprons
- Award or reject bids for VFW handicapped accessible doors
- Resolution for property maintenance liens
- January bill list

Finance--CFO Moules reported on the following items:

Standard monthly reports were reviewed. Police overtime is over-expended about \$14,000 because of shift coverage due one officer being out for six months. Revenues all exceeded the amount budgeted. For the 2019 budget, the schedule was reviewed and meetings for the departments will be mid-March.

Council Reports:

Councilwoman Harris—BBA turned their funds over to the borough with a breakdown of how they want it allocated. We will be taking over the Harvest Fest and will be holding our first meeting on the 24th. On the 15th we are meeting with representatives from the school district and the police department to discuss the addiction crisis and a drug curriculum to be brought into the middle school. The PD attended the Project Save training. Baseball and Softball both appointed new boards and are working on fundraising ideas. Recreation calendar for the year has tentatively been set. Have been getting a lot of complaints about speeding on Russell Avenue. Police will be stepping up speed surveillance.

Councilman Ludwig—will be working with Bellmawr to develop a plan for road work in town. Softball is having a problem with rodents so we will be having an exterminator go there to address the problem. We are finishing up contract negotiations with AFSCME. Mike and I went up and down Mercer Avenue and every resident is in favor of speed humps. Engineer will prepare plan for location of speed humps.

Councilman Beach—we developed a form to be used if there is an injury on the senior bus. Thanks to all for last year and he is looking forward to a good year. Clerk Shannon told the councilman that we need to have four Board of Health meetings per year and may need to replace one member.

Councilman Robenolt—everyone in the Police Department have settled into their new positions and Dave Pawling has been appointed as the detective. They are currently looking for two SLEO's.

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

Action Item: Resolution for Approval

Res. 1-2019-17 Authorizing Submission and Execution of a Strategic Plan and Application for Municipal Drug Alliance Funding

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

On a motion by Councilwoman Harris, second by Councilman Ludwig, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.

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