

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES, Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 6:00pm

Mayor Klaus 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 Popiolek, Councilman Beach, Councilwoman Fawley and Councilman Robenolt. Councilwoman Harris arrived at 6:15 and Councilman Ludwig was absent. Also present were Solicitor Tim Higgins, Engineer Greg Evans, 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 Robenolt, the first public portion of the meeting was opened. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Councilman Robenolt, second by Councilman Beach, the first public portion was closed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Review of engineer's report:

- ♦ Mercer Drive speeding—provided information to Mike Ciocco so he can prepare cost estimate for speed humps.
- ♦ DOT funds of \$225,000—we talked about getting out to bid right away for Commerce Drive Phase III so current contractor can bid on additional work but his workload does not allow. All contractors are very busy. When we looked at the 2019 Capital work involving concrete on Fifth Avenue, we realized it will need to be paved after concrete work is done. We are recommending going out to bid in August or September for Commerce Drive Phase III and paving of Fifth Avenue.
- ♦ Local Impact Freight fund—unfortunately we did not receive funding.
- ♦ Commerce Drive Phase II—contractor started today and all businesses and residents have been notified. Traffic will be re-routed.
- ♦ Copley Road—Diamond Construction has not completed punch-list items. Tim said he will speak with Greg tomorrow about sending contractor a letter.
- ♦ VFW doors—contractor wired today and final electrical inspection is Thursday. One window was installed and we will get pricing for additional windows.
- ♦ Oak Avenue—Tim said he spoke to Haddonfield's solicitor and he is going to present to their governing body for consideration in next year's capital program. Greg will get report on cost estimate over to Tim so it can be sent to Haddonfield.

CLERK'S REPORT

- ♦ Barrington on Track going in the mail tomorrow—we saved money by reducing pages
- ♦ Financial Disclosure a success—100% filed
- ♦ Eileen has a group of proclamations for the agenda—need to determine who is doing what
- ♦ We planted ten park strip trees last week and will be doing another planting in the fall
- ♦ Closed session resolution on this agenda for approval

Council Agenda Review:

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

- Ord. 1107, Fixing Compensation for Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough
- Ord. 1108, Fixing Compensation for Employees Covered by the ASCME Contract

Resolutions:

- Authorizing the Budget to be Read by Title at Public Hearing
- Appointing J McHale Associates as Borough Appraiser

Read Budget by Title only

Chapter 159 resolution for JIF safety award and Seat Belt Mobilization grants

Renewing the shared service agreements with Merchantville

Resolution allowing alcohol at Little League field for Brew Fest

May bill list

Public hearing on the 2019 Municipal Budget followed by Resolution to Adopt the Budget

Mayor will have a motion to appoint Kyle Hanson to the planning board

CFO REPORT

Standard monthly reports including bank balances and police overtime were reviewed. Budget will be posted after adoption. No concerns regarding projected revenues. We need to discuss capital requests. The capital request list was reviewed and discussed. Denise reiterated this wish list does not include road projects. After discussion, it was determined the street sweeper would be removed while a shared service is investigated, the backhoe will be removed and DPW will continue to rent, the additional equipment for the concrete crew will be removed, the security wall will be reduced to \$75,000, the roof at the firehouse will remain and the fire department request for a Suburban will be looked at to see if there is a cheaper option. Denise said she will reduce buildings and grounds by \$100,000 as well. For the playgrounds, we will see what is leftover from prior funding and may be able to reduce that category as well. Denise advised she will make the adjustments and have a bond ordinance prepared.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Robenolt—Police department will be starting the search for SLEO II officers, the drug drop-box is operational. Fire department training started last night. We met with the fire chiefs from the Fire Alliance and Terry met with Mike and Steve regarding renovations. We will be meeting with the town officials soon so we can finalize.

Councilwoman Fawley—court wants to hold a special DWI session and submitted a request. There are plenty of funds available. If everyone approves, we will notify court. The special session was approved. Councilman Robenolt reported there was a fine levied by the Fire Alliance on a business in Oaklyn but the funds went to Oaklyn and should have come to Barrington. Tim said he will discuss with Bonnie in Oaklyn.

Councilman Beach—TNR fundraiser on Sunday, May 19 at Wild Wing. Next Wednesday is senior ice cream social. We need scoopers.

Councilman Popiolek—the redevelopment project we discussed last month won't happen because the land on Clements Bridge Road is wetlands. He thanked Denise for her hard work on the budget. He met with someone who wants to open up a medical marijuana retail establishment—Compassionate Care Foundation. He gave them some properties to look at. Chik Fil A is moving along. Planning Board needs to issue a compliance certification. Small problem with DOT/DEP in that they want storm collector pipe lined with material that costs \$100,000. Once planning board engineer issues compliance letter, it should solve that problem. Once that is done, they are ready for demolition.

Mayor Klaus said he received a letter from a legislator's office asking us to support the Path to Progress report. He will ask Terry to distribute to everyone for review. This Saturday we have a food collection from the mailmen.

Councilwoman Harris—May 18 is Barrington Day; Brew Fest at Little League follows. June 11 is KJ day for Ken Jackson celebrating 50 years of service. Schools will also be doing something at Woodland for Ken and we will recognize him at the council meeting. We are planning to get a banner as well. June 18 at 9am is Coffee with a Cop at Kaffee Korner. July 3 is parade and fireworks; rain

date July 5. Opening Day at girls softball was great and they brought back players from years ago. June 20 at 6:30 the Camden County Library is hosting "Twas the Night Before Summer" event at Wish Upon a Star where they will read books and sing songs. There has been some nonsense at the Park and teenagers are destroying property of little kids. It is being patrolled more and will be addressed. We will be reviewing the video and kids will be charged. The Pre-K is struggling as enrollment is down. They will be looking at year by year to make sure it is cost effective to stay open.

On a motion by Councilwoman Harris, second by Councilman Robenolt, the second public portion of the meeting was opened. Eileen Holcombe informed everyone that her sister-in law, Karen Eckert, will be retiring in September. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Councilman Robenolt, second by Councilman Popiolek, the second public portion was closed.

Mayor read the following resolution for approval:

5-2019-51 Authorizing a Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contractual, Personnel and/or Attorney/Client Privileged Matters

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

On a motion by Councilwoman Fawley, second by Councilman Beach, the meeting was adjourned to closed session at 7:28pm.

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

