

## **BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON**

### **CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES, Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 6:30pm**

Council President Robenolt called the meeting to order at 6:30pm with the Sunshine Statement announcement. He led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk called roll and the following were present: Councilwoman Fawley, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Ludwig and Council President Robenolt. Councilmen Popiolek and Beach were absent along with Mayor Klaus. 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 Councilwoman Harris, 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.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The engineer was not present so Clerk Shannon reported on the following action items: Resolution for DOT Municipal Aid as follows: Commerce Drive Phase IV; Austin Ave from Second to Third and Haines Avenue. After discussion, it was determined instead of applying for Austin and Haines, we would apply for 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue as option number 2 and Barrington Avenue as option number 3 as they are in greater need of repair.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

- ♦Cooper Employee Assistance program—we should consider subscribing to this service as cost is only \$1500 per year. Governing Body agreed.
- ♦Plans for Wish Upon a Star Playground—met with Mike yesterday to prioritize the things to be done. Also met with Open Space committee—they were impressed with the playground. We submitted three grant applications this year because of Little League and Girls Softball. In the future, they will require that we prioritize the applications submitted. No town is awarded three grants—only two are awarded. Also Jack Sworaski suggested we put sod down to replace the mulch so we plan to do this fall.
- ♦Appointment of fire chief—resolution for council agenda.
- ♦Path to Progress report—do you want to pass resolution of support? After discussion, governing body determined we will not do a resolution of support.
- ♦ABC liquor license renewals—all have obtained tax clearance and done online renewals. Resolution will be on the agenda.
- ♦Repeal of Ordinance 948—stop signs at Russell and Adams—for introduction.
- ♦July 4 & 5 holiday discussion—employees will take a vacation day so we can close for the four day weekend. Shawn wants the temporary DPW employees paid for both days. After much discussion, it was determined it would be approved for this year but will not be suggested again.

### **Council Agenda Review: Clerk Shannon reviewed the following**

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

Ord. 1109, Capital Bond Ordinance

Ord. 1110, Sewer Bond Ordinance

Ordinance for introduction:

Repeal of Ordinance 948—removal of stop signs at Russell and Adams

Resolutions:

Authorizing Submission of DOT Municipal Aid Applications (3)

Authorizing Participation with Cooper Employee Assistance Program  
Cancelling stale checks drawn on the Court account  
Appointing the Drug Alliance Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator  
Resolution establishing rider for Centennial clock maintenance trust  
Resolution establishing rider for annual events trust  
Chapter 159 for grants received—Alcohol Education Enforcement and Clean Communities  
Authorizing Renewal of all liquor licenses  
June bill list  
Appointing Andrew Viola as Planning Board attorney  
Appointing Ken Baus as Fire Chief

### **CFO REPORT: CFO Moules reviewed the following**

Standard monthly reports including bank balances and police overtime were reviewed—all is going well. For capital, Greg, Mike and I will meet to review. Our auditors were here and there are no findings—short list of discussion items. State is delayed with their budget due to pension issues. Councilman Ludwig asked about a new hire for Public Works. Denise responded that Mike requested a new hire for sewer but that was not approved during the budget process. He can hire a temporary sewer laborer but not full-time.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilwoman Fawley—received new Project Save report—maybe five or six more than the prior report. Would like to see how we compare to the other towns. Patti said the overall rate in Gloucester Township has been around 8% so we are similar.

Councilwoman Harris—Memorial Day went well. Would like to include the service at the firehouse in future years so the crowd can attend both. Need to adjust the times so they coordinate. There were a couple of incidents at the Park and she contacted Lt. Minardi. Police are patrolling the park. They are even playing basketball with the kids. The police will be service Kona Ice at National Night Out. At Barrington Day, Kona Ice donated \$250 back to Girls Softball. Barrington Day was a good day—small problem with the generator catching fire at the inflatables but they are donating some inflatables for National Night Out to make up for it.

Councilman Robenolt—Fire Company is advancing the shared service with Haddon Heights. Frank is working with them to develop a plan. The roof project is behind schedule on the bid documents being complete. Bach is dragging their butt—said they are still working on the structural analysis. We are pressing them to get it done so we can get out to bid. We have a couple candidates for the SLEO II position. Have been preliminary discussions with the school board regarding Class III officer in the schools to be paid for by the schools. Barb Willson is semi-retiring and will be just an executive officer. There will be a separate operational officer. We have an officer who is going to be out for a while which will have an overtime impact.

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilwoman Fawley, the second open public portion was opened. Bob Harris said we need to discuss a possible CO program for commercial properties.

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

On a motion by Councilwoman Harris second by Councilman Ludwig, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

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