

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2019 at 6:00 PM
COUNCIL ROOM AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular monthly Council Meeting of the Borough of Barrington was held with Mayor Klaus presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klaus called the meeting to order with the following statement: "This meeting is held in compliance with Chapter 231 of the open public meetings act of 1975 and appropriate notice has been given. Notice of the meeting was filed with the Retrospect and Courier Post and is also posted in the main office of the Borough Clerk where notices are primarily kept. He then led the salute to the flag of our country.

ROLL CALL

The Municipal Clerk called roll of Council with the following in attendance: Councilman Ludwig, Councilwoman Harris, Council President Robenolt, Councilman Popielek and Councilwoman Fawley. Also on dais: Mayor Klaus, Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon and Timothy Higgins, Esq. Councilman Beach was absent.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: to court employee Karen Eckert on her retirement after 25 years of service to the borough presented by Councilwoman Fawley. Also Mayor Klaus presented a service award to outgoing Councilwoman Fawley for her service to the borough.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Klaus reported that council was provided with the minutes of the July 2, 2019 Caucus and the July 9, 2019 Council meetings and asked if there were any corrections or abstentions. Seeing no abstentions or corrections, on a motion by Robenolt, second by Harris, the minutes were approved by all members of Council present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Municipal Clerk read a summary of the July 2019, monthly reports from the following departments: Police, Fire, EMS, Regional Fire Alliance, Construction, Tax & Sewer Collector, DPW Recycling and the July Municipal Court. On a motion by Harris, second by Ludwig the monthly reports were approved as submitted by all members of Council present.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION: None

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING: None

RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA

The Clerk read the following resolutions to be approved by consent agenda:

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| 8-2019-79 | Authorizing a Contract with Monmouth Telecomm for phone service |
| 8-2019-80 | Cancelling Outstanding Checks Drawn on the Court and Bail Accounts |
| 8-2019-81 | Authorizing Liens for Property Maintenance Code Violations |
| 8-2019-82 | Cancelling Contract Balances |
| 8-2019-83 | Change Order No. 2-Final for Diamond Construction |
| 8-2019-84 | Resolution Amending the Personnel Policy Handbook Regarding Toll Violations |
| 8-2019-85 | Appointing Barb Willson as Emergency Management Coordinator |
| 8-2019-86 | Appointing Members to the Civic Association |
| 8-2019-87 | Cancelling Grant Balances |
| 8-2019-88 | Approving the August Bill List in the Total Amount of \$4,783,082.05 |

On a motion by Popiolek, second by Ludwig, the resolution consent agenda as read was approved with the following poll vote: Ludwig-yes, Harris-yes, Robenolt-yes, Popiolek-yes, Fawley-yes

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

COUNCILWOMAN FAWLEY – to Karen—thank you for your years of service and enjoy your retirement. Thank you for recognizing me on my leaving, thanks to all of you for your mentoring and thank you most of all for your friendship. And Mr. Gross, thank you for coming to our meetings—you are also included!

COUNCILMAN POPIOLEK – echo Councilwoman Fawley's remarks with reference to Karen Eckert. She always has a soft spot where I am concerned as when I came onto council that was the first department I oversaw. Thanks Karen for all you have done and congratulations on your well deserved retirement. Jimmy is next to you so Jim, you will have to keep Karen in line! Congratulations to Councilwoman Fawley on her retirement and I respect all you did for the Governing Body and the community.

COUNCILMAN LUDWIG – congratulations Karen on your retirement, I enjoyed working with you, you are an asset. Congratulations to Candice too on all you have accomplished, you will be missed.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS – congratulations Karen, we will miss you but will see you August 26 on your retirement day! Everybody come celebrate with us. Good luck Candice, so proud of you and how much you have achieved here and with your job. I know you will still be around and helping with events. Keep in mind the next event is August 28, the Civic Association Summer Nights at 6pm at the Wish Park. Moon bounce, face painting, rock painting and school supply giveaway. September 9 is Brews, Beats and Eats sponsored by the Civic Association and it will be held at the St. Francis de Sales parking lot beginning at 4pm. And on October 12 is the Harvest Festival when 10,000c converge on our town for the festival, always a great time. National Night Out was on August 6 and was a great night, lots of kids and family's came out.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROBENOLT – congratulations we will miss you; you've been an excellent employee and you put up with the move when it had to be done, your professionalism was greatly appreciated. Candice, we will miss you as part of the team and it has been great working with you, I'm sure you will still be around! Chief, National Night Out was a great night, all did a great job. Ambulance, Fire and DPW all did a great job, they all had a crew out.

MAYOR KLAUS – told Jim Eckert he was sorry that his retirement was over! He thanked Karen for all her years of service and employment, it is appreciated! Thanked Candice for her time away from her family and her professionalism, you will be missed.

PUBLIC PORTION: On a motion by Harris, second by Fawley, the public portion of the meeting was opened. Mayor Klaus advised that if you have comments or questions to come forward and state your name and address for the record. Public comment is limited to five minutes per person.

Diane Schreyer, 212 Nassau Dr – thanked Ms. Eckert and Councilwoman Fawley said she is not going far!

Marie Dobisch, 32 Timber Dr – questioned the two signs at Clements Bridge Rd and White Horse Pike when making a right hand turn. One says "No Turn on Red" and under it "unless children are not present". Chief Uron said use "unless children are not present"; Lt. Minardi said he will take a look at the signs to make sure there is no inconsistency.

Paul Gross, 346 Tavistock Blvd – thankful for the Retrospect because they have the article about Delco and Barrington, that we lent them money. Councilman Popiolek responded that the information is incorrect--Barrington Urban Renewal was the entity, it is not Barrington Borough and we don't lend money, we are not a financial institution. Barrington Borough did not use tax dollars and did not lend any money to anybody. We had a developer's agreement with their entity Delco. Delco and WAWA are

having a lawsuit as to who is responsible for the assessment. Mr. Gross asked how much money WAWA put into the construction of the building and the Councilman said WAWA is a tenant of Delco and WAWA has no fiduciary responsibility to this town; their responsibility is to their landlord. The Councilman reiterated that we did not loan any money, we constructed roadways. Mr. Gross asked if Barrington Urban Development goes bankrupt who owns the property, the Councilman replied whoever buys the property. With Mr. Gross's enquiry about the \$5 million borrowed by the borough, the Councilman replied that we purchased properties and sold those properties, then Mr. Gross said we borrowed \$2.7 million. Councilman Popiolek said Delco brought those properties for \$4 million. We had to buy the motel that was viable business--the county was housing registered sex offenders with displaced families. We invested money in the redevelopment and now we are getting a PILOT which is far more than we were getting in taxes when those properties were there and that's what pays for everything and keeps us solvent. Once that note is paid for we will be in good shape. Councilman Ludwig said we have to spend money to make money, this is a long term process. Mr. Gross then asked about maintenance reports on the sewer drains and an OPRA request for 2018 that came back as none existed. He wants to know how many people are working in the sewer department. Councilman Ludwig replies that there are two employees in sewer department. Mike Ciocco, Superintendent of DPW replied the request was for 2018 and no records exist for 2018. As far as the storm sewer maintenance, we have over 360 some storm inlets. By municipal storm regulation program, the DEP regulated program, and rules we must abide by, we have five years to go through the whole town, we do them annually. Every year since 2004 we have cleaned them annually; last year was the first time we did not get through the whole town. When the crews are doing pickup for vegetative waste they clean the inlets all the time but the inside is done annually. Councilman Ludwig said he met with the DOT today for them to come in and clean out the drains in the areas near you, they are coming to Erie Avenue on Thursday as well. Mr. Gross looked at pipes and they all seem to be the same diameter. Councilman Ludwig said they are being cleaned and we are getting it done; it isn't fully resolved but we are working on it.

Sally French, 330 Tavistock Blvd – said she walked the woods and it is totally flooded. Ms. French said two DPW workers were out there today and said it needs to be cleaned up and the pipes are narrowed down. Every time it rains you have no idea what we go through. To have you start in one section and then say we're coming is really not satisfying. Mike Ciocco responded that we are doing the clearing in-house. We hired a company to do televising but we are doing the clearing ourselves. Mrs. French asked what the homeowners are supposed to do while they wait for the borough to help them. Mike said they believe the water is flowing unrestricted. We had six inches of rain at one time during that storm and the system couldn't handle it. Mrs. French said then we need to invest in larger pipes so this does not happen. Mike said he is not an engineer but that storm was a 50 year storm and no system could handle that volume of water. Mrs. French said that our employees told her we need to hire an outside company to handle this. Mike expressed surprise that any of his employees would have said that. Mayor Klaus said we will talk to you after the meeting to discuss scheduling the work being done.

Seeing no further comments from the public, on a motion by Harris, second by Fawley, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

With no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Ludwig, second by Popiolek, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

APPROVED:

Terry Shannon

Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk