

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON  
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 8, 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 Popiolek, Councilman Beach and Councilman Hanson. Also on dais: Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon and Timothy Higgins, Esq.

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER II:**

Nicholas A. Wilson was sworn in as a SLEO II by Mayor Klaus with his mother, Chief Uron and Lt. Minardi at his side.

**OATH OF OFFICE OF FULL TIME FIRE FIGHTER:**

Matthew Medes was sworn in as a full time Firefighter with his parents, Chief Baus and Fire Department Administrator Frank Lafferty at his side.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY BOY SCOUT TROOP 96:**

Members of Boy Scout Troop 96 presented the Governing Body with a container for American flag disposal. Once or twice a year the Troop will hold a ceremony to destroy the flags honorably.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Klaus reported that council was provided with the minutes of the September 3, 2019 Caucus and the September 10, 2019 Council meetings and asked if there were any corrections or abstentions. Seeing no abstentions or corrections, on a motion by Ludwig, second by Harris the minutes were approved by all members of Council present.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Municipal Clerk read a summary of the September 2019, monthly reports from the following departments: Police, Fire, EMS, Regional Fire Alliance, DPW Recycling, Tax & Sewer Collector, and Municipal Court for the month of August. On a motion by Harris, second by Popiolek 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:**

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| Ord. 1113 | Approving the Acceptance of the Grant of Permanent Easement Relative to a Portion of Block 32, Lot 13, on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Barrington and Authorizing Execution of all Documents Necessary to Implement Said Grant of Permanent Easement |
| Ord. 1114 | Approving the Acceptance of the Grant of Permanent Easement Relative to a Portion of Block 32, Lot 14, on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Barrington  |

and Authorizing Execution of all Documents Necessary to Implement Said Grant of Permanent Easement

Ord. 1115 Approving the Acceptance of the Grant of Permanent Easement Relative to a Portion of Block 32, Lot 15, on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Barrington and Authorizing Execution of all Documents Necessary to Implement Said Grant of Permanent Easement

Ord. 1116 Approving the Acceptance of the Grant of Permanent Easement Relative to a Portion of Block 32, Lot 3, on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Barrington and Authorizing Execution of all Documents Necessary to Implement Said Grant of Permanent Easement

Ord. 1117 Amending Chapter 59, Fire Prevention in the Borough Code (inspection fees

On a motion by Harris, second by Robenolt, the first reading of the ordinance was approved with the following poll vote: Ludwig-yes, Harris-yes, Robenolt-yes, Popiolek-yes, Beach-yes, Hanson-yes

These ordinances will be considered for adoption after posting and a public hearing to be held during the November 12, 2019, council meeting.

### **RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA**

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

10-2019-101 Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement for the Regional Fire Alliance

10-2019-102 Appointing Matthew Medes as Full-Time Firefighter

10-2019-103 Appointing Nicholas Wilson as a SLEO II

10-2019-104 Urging the Voters to Support the Referendum Question on the November Ballot for Veterans/Spouses Tax Deductions for Those in Continuing Care Communities

10-2019-105 Resolution Supporting Fire Prevention Week

10-2019-106 Authorizing the Sale of Fire Apparatus No Longer Needed at Public Auction

10-2019-107 Authorizing an Advance for the Harvest Festival

10-2019-108 Authorizing Refund of a Tax Payment

10-2019-109 Approving the October Bill List in the Total Amount of \$1,360,291.12

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

### **COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

COUNCILMAN HANSON – thanks for coming out tonight. Congratulations Matt and Nick, I look forward to working with you both.

COUNCILMAN BEACH – congratulations Nick and Matt. I'm sure you will do a great job, you are working with two great departments

COUNCILMAN POPIOLEK – welcome to the Barrington Family Matt and Nick. I'm sure you will do an excellent job, as always, if we can be of assistance or if you have any ideas feel free to share them with us; we like to keep an open door policy. Thanks to the Boy Scouts Troop 96. Used American flags have

been collected for several years from residents and businesses. The box was built to house the used flags until it is time to dispose of them properly and respectfully using a flag ceremony. Still moving forward with Chick-Fil-A and hope to have a ground breaking ceremony when the property is flat and level. Thanks to all for your patience during this time, especially the homeowners living adjacent to the properties. Have a safe fall and Halloween; watch out for the little kids

COUNCILMAN LUDWIG – congratulations Matt, great interview. Best of luck Nick can welcome. Good job at the meeting on Friday Mike Ciocco, DPW Superintendent. Harvest Festival is this Saturday with lots of people in town; be careful, use UBER and be safe. Thanks Philadelphia Eagles for winning last week.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS – congratulations Matt and Nick; I look forward to working events with you. It's important to be out in the community and for the kids to know you and recognize you. We have a great Fire, Police and EMS Department! On October 19 at the Fire House from 10 am-1 pm kids can paint a pumpkin with the Police, make a scarecrow with the Firemen and bake with EMS. Harvest Festival is this Saturday; October 12, 10,000 people come to town to enjoy our town and this day, please come out. We have food, fun, rides, basket auction and beer garden at the Fire House. Lots to do so come on out! Thanks to the Boy Scouts for the flag box. Thank you for coming out tonight.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROBENOLT – Good evening and thanks for coming out. Thank you Nick and Matt, I know you will make great additions to both departments. Chief Uron and Lt. Minardi nice work always giving us good quality candidates. Thank you and Chief Baus and Fire Administrator Lafferty, again giving us a great candidate to fill the open position. Everyone hard work is greatly appreciated. If you decorate your house for Halloween please sign up for the Haunted House decorating contest by email with me. The Fire Company will run its fire prevention program during the Harvest Festival this year as there a great amount of kids at the event so stop by and see what they have a well.

MAYOR KLAUS – congratulated Nick and welcomed him to the family. And Matthew as well. Good job Troop 96, nice job. Harvest Fest is this weekend so come out, lots to be seen and a lot is offered. See you there.

### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

Judy Blank, 335 Tavistock Blvd – has heard nothing since the disaster on June 20. There was a private contractor cleaning out the drains; residents were told it could possibly be the cause of the flooding. Some people are still not in their homes and residents are still in a state of emergency; they have no funding. She would like a copy of the FEMA letter saying that they are not in a flood zone and that is not a problem. She received a letter from Camden County saying is not a county problem but a borough problem. Councilman Ludwig said the amount of water and how fast the rain came would not have mattered with the drains, it was just too much water too quickly; we have cleared out pipes. We have had the NJ DOT and DEP out to check 295 area so it is cleared, the flurry of activity you have seen is from the effect of the storm; we have discussed this at our meetings step by step with any residents who have come in. Clerk Shannon advised that Sam Spina of the county OEM sent us an email only; for a copy of the email please submit an OPRA request.

Paul Gross, 346 Tavistock Blvd – with reference to the drains, I have seen what was done at Erie Ave and witnessed what is being done in my area; when will the Engineers Report be available for all the activity that is going on. Councilman Ludwig said he doesn't know of a report, but as far as Erie there is still sand issues in the drains and we have to clear that. Mr. Gross asked if the work on Erie Ave has pushed the stream down further because Erie Ave flooded and Page Ave did not. Councilman Ludwig said we cleared that path the way it is supposed to be to drain properly, you can see a big difference at the end of Erie Ave. We still have concern on Tavistock and as a community we are not out of the woods yet. He asked about the engineers report because other towns have or will

have reports from their engineers and it would be helpful to us. Its infuriating how FEMA and the state handled this flood, damage is all on us. With other floods and hurricanes the people were taken care of, this is all on us. He also asked if Delco has made their payment and he was advised by Councilman Popiolek that yes they did. The Councilman also reiterated once again that this has zero impact on the budget; it is a private matter between two corporations. Mr. Gross mentioned Haddonfield's pipes and the Councilman said we have 48 inch pipes, it was just too much rain to fast. He advised we are doing all we could to help. He then advised that because this is a matter of litigation that they could not answer any more questions about the flood. The twin 48 inch pipes were put in by the DOT.

Carlos Garcia, 125 Erie Ave – about the drain on Erie Ave, someone said it was 100% clear. Councilman Ludwig said no one ever said that. We are figuring out where the sludge is coming from. Mr. Garcia has cameras and it shows that nothing has been done. Mike Ciocco of our Department of Public Works asked if Mr. Garcia was on the odd side of the road. The even side of the road has drain pipes that runs down behind curb line. Rt. 24 and our crews have cleaned the lines but it is not 100% clean and we are working on that. Solicitor Higgins said that Mr. Garcia has field a tort claim notice against the Borough so we can no longer speak with him when there is potential litigation.

Sally French, 330 Tavistock Blvd – asked where it is logged if there is an easement on a property. Solicitor Higgins said at the Camden County Clerk's Office. Then Ms. French asked we can be proactive as a borough and how can we help from this happening again? Solicitor Higgins said that is a good suggestion for consideration by the Council. Mayor Klaus thanked Ms. French.

Diane Schreyer, 212 Nassau Dr – said Council doesn't need anyone to protect them but it saddens her that the residents who left the meeting tonight think that. Everyone has a different leadership style and sometimes a smile is just to keep everyone calm. Also, Ms. Schreyer said she was outspoken throughout the years but she was never ignored by members of Council.

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

With no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Robenolt, second by Harris, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

APPROVED:

*Terry Shannon*  
Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk