

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 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.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO CONTEST WINNERS:

Council President Robenolt presented awards to the winners of the Halloween House decorating contest. Councilwoman Harris presented awards to the winners of the Scarecrow Contest winners.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Klaus reported that council was provided with the minutes of the October 8, 2019, Council meeting and asked if there were any corrections or abstentions. Seeing no abstentions or corrections, on a motion by Popiolek, second by Robenolt the minutes were approved by all members of Council present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

- Ord. 1112 Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Various Road Improvements in and for the Borough of Barrington; Appropriating the Sum of \$560,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Borough of Barrington, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$532,000, Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing
- 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. 1117 Amending Chapter 59, Fire Prevention in the Borough Code (inspection fees)

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

On a motion by Robenolt, second by Harris, the public hearing was opened.

Seeing no comments from the public, on a motion by Beach, second by Ludwig, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Harris, second by Ludwig, the ordinances were adopted with the following poll vote: Ludwig-yes, Harris-yes, Robenolt-yes, Popiolek-yes, Beach-yes, Hanson-yes.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

Ord. 1118 Amending Chapter 128, Zoning (CBR Redevelopment Plan Overlay Ordinance)

On a motion by Popiolek, 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 December 10, 2019, council meeting

RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 11-2019-111 Urging the Legislature & Governor to Enact a Law Banning Single Use Bags
- 11-2019-112 Implementing a Fair and Open Process for Selection of Prof. Service Providers
- 11-2019-113 Approving Participation with the Camden County Deer Carcass Removal Contract
- 11-2019-114 Approving Participation with the Camden County Contract for Sodium Chloride
- 11-2019-115 Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with Camden County for Project Save
- 11-2019-116 Authorizing Renewal of Membership in the SNJREBF Health Benefits Fund
- 11-2019-117 Rescinding Ordinances 1114 and 1115
- 11-2019-118 Authorizing 2019 Budget Transfers
- 11-2019-119 Cancelling the Temporary Emergency Appropriation
- 11-2019-120 Requesting Approval to Establish a Dedicated Trust by Rider for Storm Reserves
- 11-2019-121 Awarding a Contract to Timothy's Landscaping (Little League Open Space Grant)
- 11-2019-122 Appointing David Pawling as OEM Coordinator for the Unexpired Term
- 11-2019-123 Referring Certain Matters to the Planning Board for Review and Recommendations
- 11-2019-124 Designating 2019 Committee Assignments
- 11-2019-125 Approving the November Bill List in the Total Amount of \$3,439,777.08

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 LUDWIG – very cold outside so stay warm. Big Eagles game this week, they need to win! Have a good Thanksgiving.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS – congratulations to Dave Pawling on his appointment as OEM Coordinator. Thanks to all who participated in the Public Safety event at the Fire House doing pumpkin painting, cookie making and scarecrow decorating it was a great time as was the Trunk or Treat. The borough had five cars participating: DPW, Office, police fire and ems, it was a great time and we appreciate the time you gave to participate. Thanksgiving football is Haddon Heights vs Haddonfield and it is a home game this year. Heights beat Haddonfield's JV last night with a touchdown from her son! Have a good Thanksgiving and enjoy your family and friends.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROBEOLT – thanks for coming out and thanks to all who participated in the Halloween decorating and scarecrow contest. Thanks also to all the emergency services for the events that were held at the Fire House. Thanks Dave Pawling, we appreciate you stepping up to take on a new role as OEM Coordinator. Congratulations Mike Beach and Patti Harris on your re-election. If you noticed our Police officers are looking scruffy; they are raising money for Jake Stefano, a child from Barrington who is battling cancer, information is on the website, please donate!

COUNCILMAN HANSON – thank you all for coming out. The Councilman attended the one year wrap-up of Camden County's Project Save. It is a project for offenders who have minor drug offenses and they are offered either inpatient or outpatient rehab for lesser time served. The County has done really well with the Pilot Program so they will fund it at no cost to the municipalities for the next three (3) years, which is awesome. Congrats to Dave Pawling, Patti Harris, Wayne Robenolt and Mike Beach.

COUNCILMAN BEACH – congratulations to Dave Pawling, thanks for stepping up, we greatly appreciate it. All of the events Patti mentioned went smoothly and no issues that we are aware of with the children trick or treating. Thanksgiving is coming up so be careful in your travels. Thanks to all who helped with the Senior Dinner, especially Mayor-elect Harris. Congratulations Wayne and Patti on your re-election.

COUNCILMAN POPIOLEK – congratulations to those re-elected and elected into new positions. Recognized all of our veterans as yesterday was Veterans Day, thanks to all who served! Tonewood Brewery from Oaklyn purchased Roberts Lumber Company last year and they are going thru plans to do some really exciting improvements to that property, it will be a very nice addition to the community. Thanks to the police for taking on the "no shave November", I'm glad to see I'm not the only one who can't grow facial hair! I have decided to make December 31 of this year my last day in office. It has been sixteen years (16) and there is no price you can put on the education I was given from redevelopment to municipal finance to what goes on in public safety and emergency management, I will take it with me for the rest of my life. Thanks to everyone here for your support and friendship. It has been an awesome ride but it's time to let somebody else have a turn. I'm not going anywhere and I look to stay involved in the community in some way. Thanks Administration and Finance, Terry Shannon, Denise Moules and Kristy Emmett, it was a wonderful department to lead and thanks to everyone here.

MAYOR KLAUS – yes, Kirk, it has been fifteen (15) years, a long time. He told the attendees that all the redevelopment work on the White Horse Pike may have been council's idea but Kirk is the reason why it is completed, he did all the work. Remember the mess it was before, nobody wanted to put money into their business and as soon as they heard redevelopment the whole corridor changed; we all owe Kirk a heap of gratitude for that, thank you Kirk!

Councilman Ludwig added that Councilman Popiolek and he did not always see eye to eye on different things when it comes to public service but you were always dedicated. The redevelopment and finance you have done is great, I have learned a lot from you through the years; I appreciate that very much. Thank you and as crazy as this sounds you will absolutely be missed.

Mayor Klaus continued and congratulated all of the winners in the Halloween decorating and scarecrow contest. Dave Pawling thank you and you will do a great job, again thanks for stepping up. Thanks to all Veterans. And Kirk, you will definitely be missed.

PUBLIC PORTION:

On a motion by Harris, second by Ludwig, 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.

Paul Gross, 346 Tavistock Blvd – he was impacted from the June storm \$35-\$40 thousand and most is not tax deductible because it was not declared an emergency. He continued to speak about his neighbor and their health problems and that five out of six houses on the street are up for sale now. He believes that Barrington has been opaque about the situation and he showed an article from the Haddonfield Sun. He said Haddonfield has been transparent and they have told everybody what they are doing, and what the state is doing, he knows Public Works has done a lot. There has been a lot of Police activity around town, can't they put something in the Retrospect that would be of interest to the town? People could take more precautions. He asked about the drain work for Chick-Fil-A. The state put in drain pipes from 295 with bigger pipes and they were perturbed when I took pictures. He asked the Engineer if he has issued a report. Councilman Ludwig said you are talking with us not the engineer and replied that he, Mr. Gross, has been to meetings the last 4-5 months and every meeting we explained what we have done with NJDOT, EPA and all we did with DPW, who has been doing a fantastic job. As far as the Police, Dave Uron is the Chief and he has been doing a good job; whatever decision he has been making is what is best for the Police. With Chick-Fil-A all the work they are doing will have to be certified and looked at by the Engineer and they will make sure it is safe. Nobody wants flooding in this town, we are trying to prevent it. We are doing everything we possibly can do and continue to do, we are doing our best. Mr. Gross would like it in print. The Councilman said people want action not something in print. Councilman Popiolek said he admires Mr. Gross, he is like the peoples representative. We don't always have the answers and the answers we do have are not always the answers you want to hear. From how the storm was explained to me and as Councilman Ludwig explained there is not a storm sewer in existence today to handle the storm like that. We don't know the size of the pipes the water drains to in the other communities and it all goes out into the Delaware River. We don't have finances to uproot the entire system and rebuild it. We have been here working to find a solution. As to other communities how many put out extra free dumpsters to their residents and had extra trash collections? That storm sat over us for four (4) hrs. Redevelopment has nothing to do with the storm drainage from the June storm. They are fulfilling a requirement from the NJDEP; this is a private project. Engineer said for three (3) weeks to a month all their storm water management systems have been inspected the NJ Department of Transportation. They are aware of all the areas of concern, they are televising them and inspecting them.

Patty Pawling 122 Lawrence - congratulations to Patti, Wayne, Make and welcome Kyle, I appreciate all of you serving the community the way you do. She thanked Mr. Gross for being such a committed community member. We read about other towns in the Retrospect and not as much about Barrington, which is probably a good thing too. Councilwoman Harris said the Retrospect is here and he is the person to tell. Ms. Pawling also thanked Kirk for all his years of service,

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

With no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Ludwig, second by Robenolt, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm.

APPROVED:

Terry Shannon

Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk