

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON  
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 10, 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, Council President Robenolt, Councilman Popiolek, Councilman Beach and Councilman Hanson. Also on dais: Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon and Timothy Higgins, Esq. Councilwoman Harris was absent.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** by Mayor Klaus to outgoing Councilman Kirk Popiolek to thank him for his 16 years of service to the residents and Council. Councilman Popiolek was presented with a plaque thanking him for his service on council and for his work on economic redevelopment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Klaus reported that council was provided with the minutes of the November 12, 2019, Council meeting and asked if there were any corrections or abstentions. Seeing no abstentions or corrections, on a motion by Robenolt, second by Popiolek the minutes were approved by all members of Council present.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:**

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

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

On a motion by Ludwig, second by Beach, the public hearing was opened.

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

On a motion by Popiolek, second by Ludwig, Ordinance No. 1118 was finally adopted with the following poll vote: Ludwig-yes, Robenolt-yes, Popiolek-yes, Beach-yes, Hanson-yes.

**RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA**

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

12-2019-126 Approving an Amendment to the Owner-Auditor Agreement Relative to the USDA Sanitary Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation Project

- 12-2019-127 Approving an Amendment to the Owner-Bond Counsel Agreement Relative to the USDA Sanitary Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation Project
- 12-2019-128 Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors
- 12-2019-129 Cancelling a Temporary Emergency Appropriation
- 12-2019-130 Cancelling a Temporary Sewer Emergency Appropriation
- 12-2019-131 Change Order No. 1-Final, Gerald Barrett, LLC, Fifth Avenue Roadway Project
- 12-2019-132 Change Order No. 1-USDA Slip-lining Project, Perma Liner Industries
- 12-2019-133 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Expense for Grants Received
- 12-2019-134 Awarding a Contract to American Asphalt for Speed Hump Installation
- 12-2019-135 Authorizing 2019 Budget Transfers
- 12-2019-136 Supporting the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” Year-end Holiday Crackdown
- 12-2019-137 Adding 2019 Tax Exemptions
- 12-2019-138 Authorizing Liens Against Certain Properties for Costs Incurred in Accordance with the Property Maintenance Code
- 12-2019-139 Renewing Membership in the Camden County Joint Insurance Fund
- 12-2019-140 Setting the Date for the Annual Reorganization and January Regular Meetings
- 12-2019-141 Awarding a Contract for 2020 Animal Shelter Services to Homeward Bound
- 12-2019-142 Authorizing Refund of a Street Opening Escrow
- 12-2019-143 Approving the December Bill List in the Total Amount of \$621,119.02

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

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

COUNCILMAN HANSON – tree lighting and parade were a huge success. Holly Jolly Trolley is this weekend at Woodland School, the trolley takes you around town and then there are activities in the gym for the kids. Thank you Councilman Popiolek and Mayor Klaus for all your years of service. As mentioned before I was in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade when I “shadowed” Council Popiolek on Government Day!

COUNCILMAN BEACH – Thanks Eileen Holcombe for your work with the seniors, we appreciate it and great job. Thanks Mayor Klaus and Councilman Popiolek for all you did, you will be sorely missed. Have a safe and Happy New Year and a Merry Christmas.

COUNCILMAN LUDWIG – congratulations to Kirk and Bob for their years of service, we know both of you love this town. You have done a lot for this town to make it a better place to live and it is appreciated. We will miss you, as much as I battle with you it is a pleasure working with you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROBENOLT – Fire Company Christmas Parade was a success. Breakfast with Santa this past weekend and well attended. Thoughts and prayers are with Councilwoman Harris

on the loss of her father. Kirk and Mayor, it has been a pleasure serving with you and working with you, it has always been a good time and you will be missed.

COUNCILMAN POPIOLEK – congratulated Tonewood Brewery on moving to town. With the adoption of the overlay ordinance they are ready to come before the Planning Board for site plan approval--I wish them luck and success. Chick-Fil-A project is still moving along, they are on track to open next spring or summer. Thanks everyone for reaching out to me with their well wishes and kind things people said when I announced that I was resigning from office. I wish the Governing Body lots of success in the future. Mayor, it's been a heck of a ride. You started a year ahead of me and it has been a pleasure serving with you, I think you have done a tremendous job. The love you have for this community, not just the town, but for the people of this town and what you have done for families in need, especially during the holiday season, is something I hope other people will learn from. Thanks to all that I worked with Tim Higgins who has also become a friend, all of the Municipal Employees, Terry, Kenny, Mike, Dave, Pat. We are a small town and it's like a family and sometimes as families grow up you have to move out of the house, and that is what I am doing. Next time I come I will be here to heckle everyone. I must thank my family. I have been on council the entire age of my children, I have been on council nearly as long as we have been married, we were married 16 years last week.

MAYOR KLAUS – there are a lot of people to thank throughout the years that we could not have done things without them. Terry Shannon, Eileen Holcombe, Denise Moules, Pat Farinella, Kristy, Jen, Carol, Meg, Connie and Linda. It has been real nice. The people of Barrington do appreciate what you do for them. It is the key to the whole thing, you want to help them, want to do for them because it's the right thing to do. Best wishes to the Governing Body here and I wish you all good luck. Condolences to Mayor-elect Harris and her family on the loss of her father. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

On a motion by Hanson, 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.

Diane Schreyer, 212 S Nassau Dr. – thank you Councilman Popiolek, you are a special person and your shoes are difficult to fill. Mayor Klaus you will be missed, I love you and appreciate all your work.

Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk – to both Mayor Klaus and Councilman Popiolek on behalf of the Management Team and Administration and Finance Committee you have been great to work with. The ABLE Group that the Mayor was responsible for starting is such a wonderful thing in this town, I am so proud that we have that. Kirk, you were Director of Finance the whole time and I'm still not happy you resigned but I understand when you realize you've had enough, it's time to go. You are wonderful to work with; I don't think there are many people lucky enough to call their boss a friend but you have become a friend over the years. You are both going to be sorely missed, thank you very much for your service. People don't realize how much elected officials give of themselves in terms of time, it really is a commitment and we are very grateful.

Kelly Klaus, 212 Willmont Ave - Councilman Popiolek thank you for your service, I think you will be a great loss for this council, I am hoping whoever fills your shoes is able to do it, I am confident they will put the right person in. Mayor Klaus, all good things have to come to an end, thank you for your service.

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

With no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Popiolek, second by Ludwig, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.

APPROVED:

*Terry Shannon*

Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk