

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2020, 1:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BOROUGH HALL**

The Reorganization Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Barrington was held with Mayor Robert Klaus presiding.

HONOR GUARD & PRESENTATION OF COLORS: Once again this year our Honor Guard was Barrington Boy Scout Troop 96 and Cub Scout Pack 96. The Troops preceded Council into the Reorganization Meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Kaylin and Mason Beach, Councilman Beach's children and his niece and nephew Brooklyn and Brayden.

INVOCATION: Pastor Shane Colwell, Grace Bible Church

STAR SPANGLED BANNER: was led by band Director Penny Teter, her daughter Beth Griffith and the Barrington Band with the public joining in to sing.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT AND WELCOME REMARKS: Mayor Klaus called the meeting to order and made 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."

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Michael Beach was sworn into office as Councilman by US Congressman Donald Norcross, with his wife, children and family at his side.

Wayne Robenolt was sworn into office as Councilman by Magnolia Mayor Betty Ann Cowling-Carson, with his wife and children at his side.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION: Mayor Klaus said thank you for attending the 103rd Reorganization of the Borough of Barrington to all attending and to the Boy Scouts and Barrington Band, it's always a pleasure to have you here. He welcomed the following dignitaries who all said a few words: Congressman Donald Norcross, Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez, Assemblywoman Patricia Egan-Jones, Assemblyman Bill Spearman, Assemblyman-Elect Bill Moen, Freeholder Director Lou Cappelli, Freeholder Deputy Director Ed McDonnell, Freeholder John Young, Mayor Betty Ann Cowling-Carson from Magnolia, Mayor Chuck Sauter from Bellmawr, Mayor Nick Kappatos from Runnemede, Councilman Craig Laubenstein from Runnemede, Jennifer from Senator Cory Bookers office, Commissioner Robert Jakubowski from Audubon, John Rink-Barrington's Mayor Emeritus, Lou DiAngelo, Tom Gurick and Pastor Shane Colwell from Grace Bible Church. All of above thanked Mayor Klaus for his service and wished him luck and congratulated Patti Harris on her election as the first female Mayor of Barrington. They also congratulated Councilman Beach and Robenolt on their re-election. Many also thanked Assemblyman Patricia Egan-Jones on her retirement after 45 years of dedicated public service.

Mayor Klaus thanked all for their attendance today and then stepped down from the dais.

PATTI HARRIS was sworn into office as Mayor by State Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez, with her husband, children and family at her side along with Assemblywoman Patricia Egan-Jones and Mayor Betty Ann Cowling-Carson.

Mayor Harris took her seat on the dais as Mayor and proceeded with the meeting.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL: The Municipal Clerk called roll of Council with the following in attendance: Councilman Ludwig, Councilman Robenolt, Councilman Beach and Councilman Hanson. Also on dais: Mayor Harris, Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon and Timothy Higgins, Esq.

PRESENTATION TO MAYO KLAUS: by Mayor Harris, a certificate of appreciation for 16 years of dedicated service as Mayor and Councilman and outstanding accomplishment of creating the ABLE Group. His wife Mary Alice was at his side during this presentation.

REMARKS BY NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

COUNCILMAN BEACH - thanked Congressman Norcross for attending to swear him into office. He also thanked Senator Cruz-Perez and all state, county and local officials, all our friends that are here today. Stated that we are really lucky in Barrington to have people above us answer our calls and give us all the support that we need, they attend all of our events in Barrington and that is appreciated. Thanked Mayor Klaus and Assemblywoman Pat Jones, two Barrington residents who have done so much for this town, we can't thank you enough. Thanked Mayor Harris for all the support she has given him and all the residents of our town, proud to have her as our Mayor and serve with her, I know you will do an amazing job. Thanked his family for always allowing him to do what he loves to do. I love you and I know it takes a lot of time but I really love helping people out and I appreciate you giving me time to do this. To the Barrington residents, at the end of the day it is about you, we are not in it for anything but to try to help our community, to do good things for our children growing up and set the future in the right direction for our children. That is the most important thing. Go Eagles!

COUNCILMAN ROBENOLT – good afternoon and thank you for taking time out of your day to be here. Thanked Mayor Cowling-Carson for swearing him in, for all our public officials who are here to share this day with us, we greatly appreciate it. Congratulations to Mike and Patti, thanks to my wife Phylcia and the rest of my family for putting up with all the time that I am away from home. Thanks to all our professionals who work with us throughout the year, our staff and department heads, you all do an excellent job. I look forward to continue my service for the town of Barrington. Go Eagles!

MAYOR HARRIS - thank you for being here today. Honored to serve as the Mayor of Barrington and thanks to all for support and guidance. Thanks to all of our elected officials for being here today and every day, thanks for all you do. It is an honor and pleasure to have you here today to support me and our town. I look forward to serving the residents and working side by side with Shawn, Wayne, Mike and Kyle. We are very fortunate to have an amazing staff who work hard every day to keep the town operating. The Mayor thanked her children and extended family, her husband and her mother and family for supporting her dreams; her mother for showing her that she can have a career and be a good mom in the process. It has been a difficult year for me and my family with the loss of my father followed by my two uncles and unexpected birth of her grandson on Christmas Eve. I know my father is very proud of me, I am grateful and thankful for the love and support from everyone. To Mayor Klaus she wished good luck on his retirement and don't go far because I know I will need you, and to Mary Alice Klaus thank you for the sacrifices you made as the First Lady of Barrington, you are incredible with a huge heart and I am proud to know you. Happy and healthy New Year to all.

MUSICAL SELECTION BY THE BARRINGTON BAND – Philadelphia Eagles Fight Song

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

BARRINGTON'S BEST: presented by Mayor Harris and Councilman Hanson to Connie Liss, local artist. Connie was sick and unable to attend so her grandson accepted on her behalf.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR: presented by Mayor Harris and Councilman Hanson to the Recreation Committee volunteers.

POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: presented by Councilman Robenolt and Lieutenant Minardi to Officer Dan Mulhern.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS: presented by Councilman Beach, Councilman Robenolt and Superintendent of Public Works Mike Ciocco to Ken Weber for 20 years of service and to Connie Gravenor for 30 years of service and for her retirement from the Borough of Barrington.

Unable to attend but receiving an award for 25 years of service was Chief Dave Uron of the Barrington Police Department.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: Mayor Harris opened the floor for nominations for President of Council. Councilman Beach nominated Councilman Robenolt which nomination was seconded by Councilman Hanson. With no other nominees the following poll vote was taken, Ludwig-yes, Robenolt-yes, Beach-yes, Hanson-yes.

MOTION IS CARRIED

SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Councilman Robenolt was sworn in as Council President by Mayor Harris, with his wife at his side.

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS: the Municipal Clerk read the following Appointments by Mayor Harris, no confirmation necessary:

Class I member (Mayor), term follows term of elected office	Patti Harris
Class II Member, one year term expiring 12/31/20	Steve DePierri
Class III Member, one year term expiring 12/31/20	Michael Beach
Class IV Member, four year term expiring 12/31/23	Dennis Iocono
Class IV Member, four year term expiring 12/31/23	Karen Cilurso
Class IV Member for the unexpired term, ending 12/31/20	Tyler Orlando

BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENTS: the Municipal Clerk read the following Council Appointments:

Pat Quackenbush, three year term ending 12/31/22
Maureen Bergeron, three year term ending 12/31/22

On a Motion by Beach, second by Robenolt, the Board of Health appointments as read by the Municipal Clerk were approved by all Council Members present.

MOTION IS CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS: The Municipal Clerk advised that the following Resolutions would be read and approved individually:

1-2020-1 Authorizing Agreements for Professional Services for 2020

On a Motion by Hanson, seconded by Robenolt, the Resolution was approved with the following poll vote: Ludwig-yes, Robenolt-yes, Beach-yes, Hanson-yes

1-2020-2 Designating 2020 Governing Body Committee Assignments

On a Motion by Robenolt, seconded by Hanson, the Resolution was approved with the following poll vote: Ludwig-yes, Robenolt-yes, Beach-yes, Hanson-yes

RESOLUTIONS: The Municipal Clerk advised that she would read the following Resolutions by title, one after another, and Council would have the opportunity to vote as a Consent Agenda at

the end of the reading. The Clerk advised that the Resolutions are posted on the bulletin board outside these doors.

- 1-2020-3 Approving Individual Borough Appointments
- 1-2020-4 Adopting the 2020 Temporary Budget
- 1-2020-5 Appointing Representatives to the Camden Co. Community Development Board
- 1-2020-6 Designating 2020 Official Meeting Dates
- 1-2020-7 Authorizing the Petty Cash Fund
- 1-2020-8 Designating Legal and Official Newspapers for 2020
- 1-2020-9 Designating Depositories for 2020
- 1-2020-10 Setting the Interest Rate Charges for Delinquent Taxes
- 1-2020-11 Authorizing Investment of Idle Funds and Transfers
- 1-2020-12 Adopting a Cash Management Plan
- 1-2020-13 Designating Healthcare Companies for 2020
- 1-2020-14 Appointing Municipal Court Personnel
- 1-2020-15 Appointing the HIF and JIF Alternate Commissioner
- 1-2020-16 Awarding a contract for Animal Control Services for 2020

On a Motion by Ludwig, seconded by Hanson, the Resolutions were approved with the following poll vote: Ludwig-yes, Robenolt-yes, Beach-yes, Hanson-yes

MOTION IS CARRIED

PUBLIC PORTION: Mayor Harris advised that if you have a comment or question to please come forward and state your name and address for the record.

Mayor Harris opened the public portion of the meeting. The following individuals spoke:

Diane Schryer, 212 S. Nassau Dr – Congratulations Councilman Beach and Robenolt on your re-election. And to the man that she loves, Mayor Klaus, she told him he better not retire, but he did. I thank all of council, agencies, departments and volunteers who are all working together. Super congratulations to first woman Mayor of Barrington. I saw her installed as a council person and now Mayor, if she wants to get you to volunteer and work she will get you to do that. Thank you for all that you do.

Maureen Bergeron, 301 W Second Ave - so proud of you Patti and its emotional for me as I served with you since you started and I worked with Pat Jones for several years, she was my mentor and got me involved in politics. Very proud of you and wish you luck. Bob I was with you on Council and with your when you became Mayor, in two months you will forget all about it!

At this time Mayor Harris recognized Camden City Councilwoman Reyes-Morton and from Lawnside Councilwoman Rhonda Wardlow-Hurley. Both Councilpersons wished her success on behalf of themselves and the towns they represent.

Phylcia Robenolt, 114 E Williams Ave – congratulations Patti on a job well done. Very proud of you, during the crisis with your family you stood strong the entire time and never let Barrington miss you. I'm proud to call you my Mayor and close friend and see the strength that comes from you and know that even when things get rough you are making sure everything in this town is running.

David Leeds – member of the Barrington Band. Thanked the people of Barrington and Mayor and Council for their support through the years and for providing the Barrington Recreation Center for them to practice. We look forward to continuing this practice.

John Rink, 954 Chesterfield Rd - former Mayor. Patti I wish you nothing but the best, if you ever need advice or any help feel free to call me. Bob Klaus, you were my right hand man as Council President and took over and did an excellent job as Mayor. Always a great man, always a great friend; you can now join me here at the back for meetings. Congratulations to a great public servant. As mentioned before starting the ABLE Group, what a great job and what we did during Christmas for all the families in need. I know you will be sorely missed but you are welcome to join me in the back! And to Connie Gravenor I wish you the best.

Seeing no further comments from the public on a Motion by Ludwig, seconded by Hanson, the public portion of the meeting was closed with all members of Council present in favor.

MOTION IS CARRIED

REMARKS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY:

COUNCILMAN LUDWIG – congratulation to Mike and Wayne and look forward to working with you. Congratulations to Patti, I know it is something you have wanted for a long time and you worked hard for. You lean on us and we will lean on you and we will all get through this together, I'm not worried about that. Now the important stuff, the Eagles game today, we need a win. Congratulations to Connie. Thanks to all the resident and have a Happy New Year.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROBENOLT – congratulations to all award winners, congratulations to Connie, I know you will be missed in that department.

COUNCILMAN HANSON – thanked Mayor Klaus for all his years of service to our town, it was a pleasure working with you even though it was only for four months! Congratulations Mayor Harris on your new role. I am not only a co-worker but a friend and I know you will do great things for this town. Congratulations to Mike and Wayne and I look forward to working with you. Congratulations to all of our award recipient's today, they are all very well deserved. Thanks to all borough employees and appointed officials with special thanks to Terry, Denise and the whole office staff, we couldn't do what we do without them, they are very important. This year I am taking over Parks, Recreation and Special Events, we have a lot planned for 2020. Thanks to all the elected officials for coming out today and Happy 2020.

COUNCILMAN BEACH – wished all a safe and happy New Year. Thanks all our employees' and volunteers who put time in to help out the borough.

MAYOR HARRIS – congratulation Connie we will miss you very much.

GOD BLESS AMERICA was led by band Director Penny Teter, her daughter Beth Griffith and the Barrington Band with the public joining in to sing.

BENEDICTION: Pastor Shane Colwell, Grace Bible Church

ADJOURN: Seeing no other business to be transacted on a Motion by Hanson, seconded by Beach the Reorganization Meeting was adjourned at 2:06 pm.

Approved: Terry Shannon
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk