

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
February 11, 2020 at 6:00 PM
COUNCIL ROOM AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harris 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. She 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, Councilman Cerrito, Council President Robenolt, Councilman Drumm, Councilman Beach and Councilman Hanson. Also on dais: Mayor Harris, Clerk Shannon and Solicitor Higgins.

PRESENTATION BY CAMDEN COUNTY FREEHOLDER YOUNG

Camden County Freeholder Jonathan Young Community Leader to resident Julianna Oppermann. Freeholder Young explained that he created this award several years ago so young community leaders could be recognized for their contributions to their communities. Julianna was selected out of 596 candidates and was recognized for her scholastic success, her sports success and her service to the community.

RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT FOR APPROVAL:

Mayor Harris announced the following resolution for approval:

Res. 2-2020-27 Appointing Tyrell Thomas as a Patrolman to the Barrington Police Department

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

Mayor Harris administered the Oath of Office to Officer Thomas.

PROCLAMATIONS

The following proclamations were read as indicated: Random Acts of Kindness was read by Councilman Hanson, American Heart Month was read by Councilman Drumm and Black History Month was read by Councilman Cerrito.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Harris reported that council was provided with the minutes of the Reorganization meeting on January 5, 2020 and the January 14, 2020 Council meeting and asked if there were any corrections or abstentions. On a motion by Drumm, second by Hanson the minutes were approved by Council with abstentions by Drumm and Cerrito on the Reorganization minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Municipal Clerk read a summary of the January 2020 monthly reports from the following departments: Police, Fire, EMS/Ambulance, Regional Fire Alliance, Tax & Sewer Collector, Construction and December from the Court Administrator. On a motion by Hanson, second by Cerrito the monthly reports were approved as submitted by all members of Council present.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

Ord. 1119 Amending Chapter 58, Fees, in the Borough Code (fee for recycling buckets)

On a motion by Ludwig, second by Drumm, the second reading of the ordinance was approved with the following poll vote: Ludwig-yes, Cerrito-yes, Robenolt-yes, Drumm-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 Ludwig, second by Drumm, Ordinance 1119 was adopted with the following poll vote: Ludwig-yes, Cerrito-yes, Robenolt-yes, Drumm-yes, Beach-yes, Hanson-yes.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING -

Ord. 1120 Fixing the 2020 Compensation of Certain Officials and Employees of the Borough

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

This ordinance will be considered for adoption following proper notice and a public hearing to be held during the March 10, 2020, Council meeting.

RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 2-2020-28 Change Order No. 1—Tax Office Security Wall
- 2-2020-29 Authorizing Submission of a CDBG Project Description Form for Senior Services
- 2-2020-30 Authorizing Submission of a CDBG Project Description Form for Continuation of Architectural Barrier Improvements at the VFW Senior Community Center
- 2-2020-31 Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with Gloucester Twp. for Brine
- 2-2020-32 Authorizing a Contract with Pyrotecnico for the 2020 Fireworks Show
- 2-2020-33 Accepting the Settlement Offer from M.T. Construction, LLC and Authorizing the Mayor, Solicitor and Clerk to Execute Settlement Documents
- 2-2020-34 Authorizing Renewal of the Shared Service Agreement with Tavistock
- 2-2020-35 Authorizing Donation of Firefighter Gear No Longer Needed to the Gloucester County Fire Academy
- 2-2020-36 Adding 2020 Tax Exemptions
- 2-2020-37 Approving the February Bill List in the Total Amount of: \$4,638,743.10

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

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

COUNCILMAN HANSON – the Recreation Committee has an event this Sunday, February 16, 1-3 pm at the Borough Hall. Geared towards children and families; painting snowflakes and having hot chocolate. Our February Recreation Meeting is next Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Mayor's Office so come join us if you would like to volunteer and share ideas.

COUNCILMAN BEACH – no report but to all the men out there Valentine's Day is Friday so take care of your better half!

COUNCILMAN DRUMM – congratulations to Officer Thomas and welcome aboard to the Barrington Police Department.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROBENOLT – Julianna congratulations and nice job; it's always good to see our youth excelling. Congratulations to Tyrell Thomas and welcome aboard. You have been doing an excellent job and I'm sure that will continue, good to have you here full time.

COUNCILMAN CERRITO – congratulations Julianna, you should be very proud. Congratulations to Tyrell, I look forward to getting to know you and working with you as well.

COUNCILMAN LUDWIG – congratulation to Julianna, I can see how happy you are. Congratulations to Officer Thomas and welcome to the zoo here in Barrington, glad you are aboard. Mr. Rink we have some information on Mercer Drive. Terry sent me and email, one upset resident but that was on a different block. Thank you Councilman Beach for talking with me and working with me over the weekend to discuss different problems going on in town. I appreciate you calling back, not everyone does that.

MAYOR HARRIS – congratulations Julianna, I'm proud to see you here to receive this award from Freeholder Young. Congratulations to Tyrell, we are fortunate to have you here and I know you will do great things along with the Chief, the Lieutenant and the rest of the Officers.

PUBLIC PORTION:

On a motion by Hanson, second by Drumm, the public portion of the meeting was opened. Mayor Harris 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.

Bob Fine, 906 Mercer – questioned putting seven (7) speed humps on Mercer Drive, is that a done deal or are there other viable options being considered like more police presence and/or four-way stop signs. Councilman Ludwig said number was never seven, Mayor Harris advised Councilman Ludwig that yes, it is seven. The Councilman said we have signs for drivers to slow down. He advised that Mr. Rink has been here several times addressing this matter. Nothing is done and we need a further conversation with council. Councilman Beach advised Mr. Fine that we did have several speed studies done on that block. Stop signs were our first option but our Engineer advised us that it doesn't warrant four-way stop signs, we don't meet the requirements. The Councilman will get more information to Mr. Fine. Councilman Ludwig said something will be done because we don't want anyone to get hurt.

Katherine Gormley, 863 Mercer Dr, has spoken with Councilman Beach on email. If this is pretty much a done deal why is this the first time we are hearing about? We received a letter in the mail about three weeks ago. From meeting minutes in December you have already approved a contract for asphalt, is that correct? Mrs. Gormley was advised yes and she asked why it took so long to notify the residents as she would have helped with research and other solutions. Councilman Ludwig said he was sorry this is the first time she is hearing about this. He has been on Council for 11 years and this topic has been coming up over and over again. Not sure if her area will be an area with speed humps, Council needs another conversation about this. Councilmen Ludwig and Beach were concentrating on the 900 block of Mercer. Our Engineer, Greg Evans, said they are focusing on the entire length of the street. Mrs. Gormley wants to be kept informed and Councilman Beach will keep her posted.

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

Mayor Harris advised that we have Matthew Saurman in the audience. He is a Boy Scout and here to witness a council meeting and interview Councilman Drumm. Welcome and thank you.

With no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Ludwig, second by Hanson, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.

APPROVED:

Terry Shannon

Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk