**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON**

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 21, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

**ONLINE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order via Zoom at 6:00pm with the Sunshine Statement announcement and pursuant to the Executive Orders and guidance issued by the State of New Jersey due to the Corona virus state of emergency . She led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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, Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon and Timothy Higgins, Esq.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Harris reported that council was provided with the minutes of the February 4, 2020 Caucus meeting and the February11, 2020 Council meeting and asked if there were any corrections or abstentions. On a motion by Hanson second by Robenolt the minutes were approved by all members of Council present.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Municipal Clerk read a summary of the February 2020 monthly reports from the following departments: Police, Fire, EMS/Ambulance, Regional Fire Alliance, Tax & Sewer Collector, Construction, Trash and Recycling and January 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. 1120 Fixing the 2020 Compensation of Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough

Ord. 1121 Adding Chapter 130, Topography and Grading Plan to the Borough Code

Ord. 1122 Calendar Year 2020 Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Ord. 1123 Amending Chapter 99, Rental Inspection Fees, in the Borough Code

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

On a motion by Councilman Cerrito, second by Councilman Drumm, the public hearing on these ordinances was opened. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Cerrito, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Robenolt, Ordinances 1120, 1121, 1122 and 1123 were adopted with the following poll vote: Ludwig-yes, Cerrito-yes, Robenolt-yes, Drumm-yes, Beach-yes, Hanson-yes.

**RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA**

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

4-2020-45 Extending the Deadline for Pet Licensing to June 30

4-2020-46 Authorizing 2020 Emergency Budget Appropriations

4-2020-47 Setting Salary Stipends for Tax and Finance Office Personnel

4-2020-48 Authorizing Submission of an Application to the NJ Local Finance Board

4-2020-49 Authorizing Execution of a Contract with the International Association of Firefighters, Local 3249

4-2020-50 Authorizing Participation with the Boroughs of Haddonfield, Audubon and Haddon Heights to Apply for a Transportation & Community Development Initiative Grant

4-2020-51 Adding 2020 Tax Exemptions for Veterans

4-2020-52 Approving the April Bill List in the Total Amount of: $1,397,254.96

On a motion by Councilman Cerrito, second by Councilman Drumm the resolution consent agenda 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 Beach—wanted to thank police, fire, EMS, the fire marshal and DPW for their outstanding work today dealing with all the trees that came down due to the wind storm.  He also thanked DPW for the job they have been doing during the virus emergency and explained they are working split shifts with half the guys working Monday and Tuesday and the other half working Wednesday and Thursday.  Everyone is doing a great job during this emergency.

Councilman Drumm—wanted to thank the police for their handling of the incident that occurred over the weekend involving a resident making threats about the Rite Aid test site.  Also tomorrow is Earth Day and although we cannot hold the event we have done in the past, we did establish a Facebook page and encouraged residents to get out and clean-up around their own properties.  We asked people to take picture and post to the site to show what they are doing to celebrate Earth Day.

Councilman Hanson—unfortunately all events have been cancelled.  He thanked all the first responders for the job they are doing during this emergency.  He also wanted to thank everyone who has donated food and money for the food pantry.  We have been doing a great job getting food out to everyone who needs it.

Councilman Robenolt—wanted to thank all of the first responders, police, fire and EMS for the job they doing during this emergency.  He then invited Chief Uron to speak who talked about the Rite Aid test site and reported there have been no issues at the site thus far.

Councilman Cerrito—talked about Chick-Fil-A and reported they have obtained all of their permits and will be moving forward with construction.  He also reached out to the local businesses who are still open to see if there is anything we can do to help support them.  He extended thanks to Edmund Optics for the masks they provided to our EMS folks.

Mayor Harris—thanked all departments for the job they are doing during this pandemic. She is very proud of the job being done by all in our town. Also thank you to Councilman Hanson for the job he is doing getting food out to those in need. He is doing a great job. Please everyone stay safe and healthy during this crisis.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

Diane Schreyer asked about the testing facility at Rite Aid and how it is being handled. Chief Uron explained that customers are swabbing on their own inside their vehicles. The contents are being taken by Rite Aid employees and put in plastic bags to be stored for testing.

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

With no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Councilman Robenolt, second by Councilman Ludwig, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21pm.

APPROVED:

Terry Shannon \_\_\_

Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk