

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON**  
**MINUTES OF the 104<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021, 1:00 P.M.**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM**

The Reorganization Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Barrington was held virtually through Zoom with Mayor Patti Harris presiding.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** led by Councilman Drumm's children, Meredith, Madison, Mike Jr, Mason, and Max Drumm and Kayla Kellogg.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Richard Archut, Community Bible Church

**SUNSHINE STATEMENT AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC**

**MEETINGS ACT:** Mayor Harris read the following: Pursuant to Executive order Number 103, dated March 9, 2020, Governor Murphy declared a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency in New Jersey. On March 20, 2020, P.L.2020, Chapter 11, amended the Open Public Meetings Act to allow local public bodies to conduct remote public meetings by use of electronic communications technology during a period declared as a Public Health Emergency or State of Emergency. Adequate notice and electronic notice of this meeting was given by: Sending advance written notice to the legal newspapers of the Borough and posting notice of this meeting on the Borough website and Borough bulletin board. Posting a copy of this notice on the Borough website. During the business portion of this remote public meeting, the audio of all members of the public in attendance will be muted. During the open public portions of this meeting, members of the public who want to provide comment shall raise their virtual hand in the Zoom application or can submit their questions or comments in advance to the Borough Clerk at via email to [tshannon@barringtonboro.com](mailto:tshannon@barringtonboro.com). When a member of the public raises their virtual hand, the meeting host will unmute them so they can speak. Public comment will be limited to five minutes and shall be concise and to the point and shall not contain abusive, defamatory or obscene language. Anyone being abusive, defamatory or obscene will be removed from the Zoom meeting.

**MAYOR HARRIS:** welcomed and thanked residents, staff, Council members and dignitaries for joining the 104<sup>th</sup> Reorganization meeting. Unfortunately this year we must celebrate without the great Barrington Band and we certainly miss them. On behalf of herself, Council and the Borough, the Mayor expressed condolences to Mayor Emeritus Bob Klaus, the Klaus and King families on the loss of John King who resided in Barrington for 65 years. He was a wonderful man and will be missed by many, please pray for the family. 2020 had us navigating difficult times emotionally, physically and financially. Since March the Borough had 265 positive cases of Covid and six deaths. Our town came together to stand stronger than ever. Employees remained on the front lines and their commitment to service the community was exceptional. Our residents, Council and staff have kept the Barrington going. Our food pantry is open with constant donations and Councilman Hanson provided food and essentials to those who would have otherwise been without. We adapted to online schooling, working from home, Zoom meetings and being alone. Drive-by Easter Bunny, virtual Memorial Day, social distance graduations, drive-in movies and new fall fun. Trick or treating was unique, Santa drove around but no candy canes could be found. Businesses put up tents to serve patrons; take out and Door Dash were the newest trends. Outside dining, curbside pick-up and online sales were what we could to help businesses through the toughest of times. We stood on steps with candles lit to thank those on the front lines, we made masks and thank you signs. 2020 didn't go as planned but we all learned to wear masks, social distance and wash our hands. Today we honor and celebrate our newest council members, our amazing staff and our residents who kept us going strong and we look forward to a happy and healthy new year.

Mayor Harris introduced the Dignitaries:

Congressman Donald Norcross: thanks and congratulation to all about to be sworn in. It is a special day, and would not be here if not for all essential workers. On behalf of a grateful nation we thank them, those being sworn in and our families who allow us to do what we do.

Assemblyman Bill Moen: Good afternoon and Happy New Year. On behalf of the 5<sup>th</sup> district, myself, Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez and Assemblyman Bill Spearman we congratulate each council member being sworn in today, wish Barrington residents Happy New Year, congratulate you for having the Philadelphia Eagles move their start time to accommodate today's meeting! In all seriousness I look forward to working with the borough in the weeks and months ahead to make sure the state of New Jersey is in a position to help how we can. Thank you

County Commissioner Deputy Director Ed McDonnell: I am with Commissioner John Young. Congratulations everybody; this is one of several Zoom meetings I've done on reorganizations and certainly a far cry from what we are used to in Barrington with the band and everyone in such a jovial mood and happy for the New Year. You are making the best of it and congratulations to all being sworn in today. Wished all a wonderful 2021.

County Commissioner John Young: congratulations to all being sworn in today. Thanked Mayor Harris for her leadership in this last year during this pandemic, you were able to lead Barrington through some hard times. Your first responders are first class for sure, your residents should be very proud. It's been a strange and weird year but 2021 is here and we will get through it. We are a couple of months away from vaccines so we can really move forward. Happy and healthy New Year to all.

#### **ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Vincent Cerrito was sworn into office as Councilman by NJ State Assemblyman William Moen. The Councilman's wife Tina held the bible and his son Vincent Jr. was also at his side.

Kyle Hanson was sworn into office as Councilman by U. S. Congressman Donald Norcross.

Michael Drumm was sworn into office as Councilman by J. Patrick McShane III, Esq. of Forkin, McShane, Manor and Rotz Law Firm. The Councilman's father and former council member Charles Drumm held the bible and his family was also at his side.

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL:** The Municipal Clerk called roll of Council with the following in attendance: Councilman Cerrito, Councilman Beach, Councilman Drumm, Councilman Hanson, Councilman Ludwig and Councilman Robenolt.

#### **REMARKS BY NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

COUNCILMAN CERRITO – addressed Mayor and Council, dignitaries and most important the residents of Barrington stating that he is overwhelmed with gratitude to have been elected to serve on council for the next three years. This accomplishment is not done alone and he thanked all who contributed their time and efforts into supporting their campaign. He thanked his wife for her support and encouragement. He said it goes without saying that 2020 has been a difficult and challenging year and we will have challenges in this year. The Councilman said he is confident that in the most difficult times we will continue working together and making Barrington an even stronger place for our children and our future we can be proud of for many years to come. Thank you and God bless.

COUNCILMAN HANSON – welcomed all and thanked Congressman Norcross for taking the time out of his busy schedule to swear him into office today. He said it has been a pleasure serving the residents of Barrington the last fifteen months as an appointed member of Council and it is even better now being sworn to a three year term knowing that residents voted him to continue in this position. His mother instilled in him how important it is to volunteer and give back to your community and I will continue to use that platform to better the town wherever and whenever

possible. The Councilman thanked Mayor Harris for taking him under her wing to show him the ropes and thanked his fellow council members for their guidance and support; he thanked all of the distinguished guests for attending today and he looks forward to working with all in the future. The Councilman thanked all of the Borough staff saying we couldn't do what we do without all of them. He told the residents he is always available if they have questions or concerns and will work hard for the residents these next three years and the betterment of Barrington.

**COUNCILMAN DRUMM** – thanked Pat McShane for the honor of having him administer the oath of office; he also thanked distinguished guests, residents and family members for joining today. Thanks to Mayor and Council for their support over the last year and looking forward to working with you. He congratulated Kyle Hanson and Vince Cerrito on their election and most important the residents of Barrington for their faith in him to help guide this great community. He thanked his family and friends for their love and support.

### **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:**

**BARRINGTON'S BEST:** presented by Mayor Harris to Councilman Hanson for his generosity and all his work making sure Barrington families had food and gifts for the holidays during this difficult year. Mayor Harris said there is no other person more deserving of this award.

**POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR:** presented by Chief Uron and Councilman Robenolt to Daniel Hovern. Chief Uron said Officer Hovern started out with the Camden County Police Department and then came to us as a Class II and the past two years as an Officer. His spirit is great and he is a huge asset to the department. We are very fortunate to have the officers we have.

**HOMETOWN HERO AWARD:** presented by Councilman Robenolt to the Barrington Ambulance Squad. They responded to over 1600 calls and many were Covid positive. Despite their best efforts, some came down with the virus. They continued to serve the Borough all year despite the potential risk to their own health. Congratulates to Kate and the rest of our crews.

**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:** presented by Councilman Hanson to Civic Association Vice President and Treasurer Meg O'Donnell. Megan has been volunteering in town for the past 25 years. He could not have done all that he did helping families this past year without her help and support. He cannot imagine Barrington without a volunteer like Megan.

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:** Mayor Harris opened the floor for nominations for President of Council. Councilman Hanson nominated Councilman Beach which nomination was seconded by Councilman Drumm. With no other nominees the following poll vote was taken, Beach-abstain, Cerrito=yes, Drumm=yes, Hanson=yes, Ludwig=yes and Robenolt=yes. Mayor Harris administered the oath of office to Mike with his family at his side.

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

Class II Member, one year term expiring 12/31/21	Mike Minardi
Class III Member, one year term expiring 12/31/21	Vincent Cerrito
Class IV Member, four year term expiring 12/31/24	John Rink
Class IV Alt. Member, four year term ending 12/31/23	Karen Cilurso
Class IV Alt. Member #1 for the unexpired term ending 12/31/23	Tyler Orlando
Class IV Alt. Member #2 for the unexpired term ending 12/31/22	Zach Ferguson
Class IV Alt. Member #3 for the unexpired term ending 12/31/21	Jennifer Milligan
Class IV Alt. Member #4 for the unexpired term ending 12/31/24	Ernie Rink

**BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENTS:** the Municipal Clerk read the following Council appointments: Terry Shannon, three year term ending 12/31/2023

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

### **MOTION IS CARRIED**

**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

- 1-2021-1 Authorizing Agreements for Professional Services for 2021
- 1-2021-2 Designating 2021 Governing Body Committee Assignments
- 1-2021-3 Approving Individual Borough Appointments
- 1-2021-4 Adopting the 2021 Temporary Budget
- 1-2021-5 Appointing Representatives to the Camden Co. Community Development Board
- 1-2021-6 Designating 2021 Official Meeting Dates
- 1-2021-7 Authorizing the Petty Cash Fund
- 1-2021-8 Designating Legal and Official Newspapers for 2021
- 1-2021-9 Designating Depositories for 2021
- 1-2021-10 Setting the Interest Rate Charges for Delinquent Taxes
- 1-2021-11 Authorizing Investment of Idle Funds and Transfers
- 1-2021-12 Adopting a Cash Management Plan
- 1-2021-13 Designating Healthcare Companies for 2021
- 1-2021-14 Appointing Municipal Court Personnel
- 1-2021-15 Awarding a contract for Animal Control Services for 2021
- 1-2021-16 Awarding a contract for Animal Shelter Services for 2021

On a Motion by Hanson, seconded by Beach, the resolution consent agenda was approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Hanson-yes, Ludwig-yes and Robenolt-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.

On a Motion by Drumm, seconded by Cerrito, the public portion of the meeting was opened

Diane Schryer--so many issues that council and all had to face this year but she thanked Congressman Norcross for his efforts through the National Apprenticeship Act. It is an area that should have the respect and funds that it has not had in the past. It is related to vocational education and the Congressman has been a champion in this area. Thank you Congressman Norcross.

Jennifer Milligan-- congratulated Kyle, Mike and Vince, she looks forward to working with them in the future. She also thanked the Mayor for her appointment to the Planning Board and looks forward to serving. She congratulated the town of Barrington for getting through the storms of 2020 and knows we will hold our head high in 2021 and weather the storms together again.

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

### **REMARKS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY:**

MAYOR HARRIS – congratulated Vince, Kyle and Mike on their election stating they have done an outstanding job and she looks forwarding to continuing to work alongside of you. It takes

commitment, dedication and time away from your family to be a public servant as Shawn, Mike and Wayne can tell you. It takes time away from those you love and from other things you would like to be doing and I thank you all for your commitment. Congratulations to our service winners and thanks to the men and women of this municipality who work every day to protect and provide outstanding service to the residents. This includes Police, Ambulance, Public Works and the girls in the office; I applaud you for all that you do and continue to do. It takes a lot of work to keep a municipality running day after day and especially during Covid when things got a little harder. I appreciate you all very much. Congratulations to Sgt. Bob Uron who worked his last official shift on New Year's Eve; we will honor him at his official retirement date. Thanks to Planning and Zoning Boards, we have lots of new faces and that says a lot about our town volunteers. I hope you all continue to join us at monthly council and caucus meetings and I urge you to get involved in your town. Have a wonderful New Year.

COUNCILMAN LUDWIG – congratulations to Mike, Vince and Kyle; you have all been an asset to the Borough. Thanks to Mayor & Council for all the work being done during Covid, it's been a lot of work and the Borough has done an outstanding job, thanks to all. Congratulations to Bobby Uron on his retirement as a Sergeant, something he was working towards. To the residents continue to stay safe, we are not out of this pandemic yet so keep wearing your mask. Have a great 2021.

Mayor Harris advised that Councilman Ludwig has taken it upon himself to be an advocate for the town's vaccination. He follows up on what the Board of Health is doing and when everyone will be eligible to receive their vaccination. He also looks for educational information and will provide that to everyone so check the website and Facebook page.

COUNCILMAN ROBENOLT – congratulated Mike, Kyle and Vince saying he looks forward to working with you and we have a pretty good team established and work to continue to better Barrington. The Councilman thanked Chief Uron, Chief Baus and Chief Bowen for an excellent job last year and our OEM, Dave Pawling. Congratulations to Bobby Uron, we will miss you. Thanks to our Office Staff and Denise, Terry and Eileen for all they do to help us. Our professionals Tim, Eric and Bob, thank you for all you do to help us perform our jobs better.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BEACH – congratulations to Mike, Vince and Kyle on their elections; you did a great job before the election and I know you will continue to do a great job and I look forward to working with you. Thanks to all the employees, it's been a trying year and we couldn't do it without everyone coming together; from our volunteers, employees, first responders and the Governing Body from the top down. It's been a pleasure working with everyone to keep our town safe and moving forward. Congratulations to Bob Uron on his retirement after about 30 years on the job. Thanks Mayor and Council for your faith in me to elect me as Council President. We all work as a team and we do a great job together but I appreciate your faith in me. Thanks Mayor for all you have done and keeping us posted, thank you for everything.

**BENEDICTION:** Pastor Richard Archut, Community Bible Church

**ADJOURN:** Seeing no other business to be transacted on a motion by Hanson, seconded by Cerrito the Reorganization Meeting was adjourned at 1:48 pm.

Approved: Terry Shannon  
Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk