

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021, 6:00PM, BOROUGH HALL MEETING ROOM

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order in council chambers at 6:00pm with the Sunshine Statement. Mayor Harris then led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk called roll and the following were present: Council President Beach, Councilman Cerrito, and Councilman Robenolt. Councilmen Drumm, Hanson and Ludwig were absent with prior notice. Also on the dais were Mayor Harris, Clerk Shannon and Solicitor Higgins.

First Public Portion

On a motion by Councilman Cerrito, second by Councilman Beach, the first public portion of the meeting was opened. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Councilman Beach second by Councilman Robenolt, the public portion was closed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT—Greg Evans reported on the following items

Action items:

Recommend award of a contract to Charles Marandino for removal of architectural barrier at the VFW Senior Center (CDBG project). They provided the lowest responsive bid. Also we are recommending approval of a change order No. 1 for the extension of the current trash collection contract. Clerk Shannon said both resolutions will be on the council agenda.

Review of Engineer's Report:

2020 Capital Improvement Program—DiMeglio completed the base course on Commerce Drive today and it is reopened. Paving will be done tomorrow.

Camden County Open Space—Girls Softball did not submit an application for a grant so Barrington got no funding this year.

Sgt. Hunt is working on the speed studies on several streets where we have had complaints and we will analyze the results when we receive them and will report to the Governing Body.

Mayor Harris said she had received an email from Mr. Ewing about the flooding at Russell and Richards. He said the curbs at the intersection are just about gone. Greg said the curbing will be replaced as part of the intersection improvements. We may want to some curbing across the street as well as it is also deteriorated. We will look at the inlets at the border of Bellmawr and Barrington because they are sinking. Bellmawr thought the inlets were theirs and they replaced the heads with smaller heads. We may need to add a second inlet. We will investigate.

Clerk Shannon said the Haddonfield Police are doing the speed study on Oak Avenue and asked Greg if they would be willing to analyze the results so they can make a recommendation to the Governing Body. Greg said yes they will do that—he is pretty sure they have the same equipment that Barrington does.

CLERK'S REPORT—Clerk Shannon reported on the following items

Shared service agreement with Haddonfield—we finally received the shared service agreement with Haddonfield for the Oak Avenue project. There was a discrepancy in the numbers, but Greg provided the amount that had originally been agreed upon and they revised accordingly. Resolution authorizing approval will be on the council agenda.

Trash Contract change order—a resolution to extend the current trash contract until December 31 will be on the council agenda. We received bids this morning but are holding them until we find out about disposal. As this is more than a 20% change order, it also creates an emergency however we have the funds to cover the increased trash costs so the emergency will be able to be canceled at the end of the year. The group of self-hauling towns who went out to bid for trash disposal will receive bids soon and if their pricing is good, we may be able to jump onto that agreement. We then could award just for

hauling. The new contract will also be a calendar year contract rather than a July-June contract. Resolutions for the change order, authorizing the signing of the contract for the extension and for the emergency will be on the council agenda.

Resolution awarding a contract to APS for 9/11 Memorial—Mike Ciocco solicited quotes for work to be done around the 9/11 Memorial and Asphalt Paving Systems provided the lowest quote for the work. A resolution awarding the contract to them will be on the council agenda.

Manuscript review for codification project—I will be meeting with Tim at least weekly and sometimes more than that as we review the manuscript provided by General Code for the codification project. I have asked the police department to review the section on traffic ordinances. We will also be meeting with Jeff Hanson from ERI to review the Land Use section of the code. Once the review is complete, one large ordinance will be presented for your consideration to adopt the new code. The cost for the professionals is included in the special emergency that was previously done for codification.

Ordinance pertaining to smoking on public property—now that we have adopted the cannabis ordinance, we need an ordinance regarding smoking on public property so people aren't smoking it in parks and playgrounds. Tim prepared the attached ordinance for your review. The ordinance says you can't smoke cannabis within 100 feet of public property and it was done that way because there are homes right next to the playground. Councilman Cerrito asked about extending that to 500 feet since the people in the homes are on their own private property. After more discussion it was determined we will make it 500' from public property unless you are on your own private property. Tim will re-word the ordinance and will send it over for review. Tim suggested that this should be added to the Drug Free School Zone map. Greg Evans said they will incorporate it into the map.

Council Agenda Review:

Ordinances for introduction on first reading:

Ord. 1147, Smoking in Public Places

Resolutions:

Awarding a contract for CDBG ramp project at VFW to Marandino

Change Order No. 1 for trash collection and authorizing execution of contract extension

Authorizing an Emergency for extending the trash contract

Shared service agreement with Haddonfield for Oak Ave

Awarding a contract to APS for the 9/11 Memorial parking lot improvements

Adding 2021 Tax Exemptions

Deleting 2021 Tax Exemptions

August bill list

CFO's REPORT

Mayor Harris reported Denise sent the financial reports to everyone and if you have any questions, contact her directly. Clerk Shannon added that Denise wanted to highlight that the refunding bonds, which were originally projected to save about \$400,000 in interest, because interest rates are so low, they actually came in at a savings of \$562,000 so that is great news. Mayor Harris added great job done by Denise and our professionals.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Cerrito read Councilman Hanson's report in his absence reporting that National Night Out had a great turnout last night. Thanks to the Police Department on a fun night. Mayor Harris unveiled a plaque at the Park for the girls who presented the idea for the new park. Coming up August 12 is the Movie Night and they will be playing the Sandlot. August 25 will be Summer Nights at the Park with activities and Mister Softee for the kids. First Phase of speed study on Davis Road is complete but we

need the next two phases before the results can be analyzed. Councilman Cerrito then thanked DPW for all their work on the 9/11 memorial project. Concrete will be poured on Tuesday the 10th.

Councilman Robenolt reported progress is moving on the firehouse roof. Asbestos abatement was completed the other day. Fire Company has a job posting for a full-time firefighter. Current employee is moving out-of-state. We have had a pretty good return so far. The chiefs and officers will narrow down before presenting candidates to the Governing Body. We are planning a car show on October 3 as a fundraiser. The 9/11 memorial ceremony is coming along and invitations went out to dignitaries.

Councilman Beach thanked the Chief and the Police Department on another successful National Night Out. We are still holding off on senior events—Covid numbers are going up again. We are delivering food and trying to stay in touch with them virtually. Regarding trash, there have been some recent issues and we are in constant contact with our hauler. They have had staffing issues and are working on getting it resolved. Recycling should be okay this week, but trash may continue as a Friday/Saturday thing and we insisted he keep us informed so we can let residents know. Mayor Harris asked if they could alternate so half the town is on Friday and the other on Saturday and then it switches. If we can at least let residents know, they will know when to put their trash out.

Mayor Harris thanked the Police for last night (National Night Out). It was a great event—they had popcorn, snow cones, lemonade and it was a good time. We did unveil the plaque for Angelina, and Macy for their idea and their petition six years ago to re-do the park. It took a while to get the funding together but now we have this beautiful, inclusive park for everyone to use. The Civic Association is doing the free movie and Summer Nights in the park so watch Facebook for everything that is happening.

On a motion by Councilman Cerrito, second by Councilman Beach, the second public portion was opened. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Councilman Robenolt, second by Councilman Cerrito, the second public portion was closed.

Seeing no further business to be discussed, on a motion by Councilman Drumm, second by Councilman Ludwig, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38pm.

Approved: *Terry Shannon*
Terry Shannon, Clerk/RMC