

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 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: Councilman Cerrito, Councilman Drumm, Councilman Hanson, Councilman Ludwig and Councilman Robenolt. Also on the dais were Clerk Shannon and Solicitor Higgins.

First Public Portion

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Robenolt, the first public portion of the meeting was opened. Present was Chris Vennitti, Runnemede resident who lives on Callie Court, who spoke about the speeding on Davis Avenue. He believes cars do 40-50 miles per hour. When you do the speed limit, cars pass you illegally. Can we install signs that say "Do Not Enter-Local Traffic Only". Councilman Ludwig responded this is a problem on other streets as well. People use our streets as cut-throughs. Deputy Chief Minardi said when we are out there doing traffic control, people slow down. Vennitti asked how the speed study is done. Engineer Evans responded they deploy a radar recorder that records traffic speeds and times over a 7-14 day period. We then review that information and prepare a report documenting existing conditions and making recommendations. Vennitti added that Runnemede has been cooperative and they deployed a cop out there and they wrote ten tickets in one day and then it died down. Deputy Chief Minardi added that we are still out there as well. Vennitti added that traffic during the day is better—nights and weekends are a problem. Greg Evans added that while school is out is not the optimum time to do the speed study. The speed study will not only tell us what time periods speeding occurs, but also what types of vehicles based on the tonnage. Councilman Drumm asked if we can put out one of the flashing speed signs. Evans said on Copley it did not make any difference. On Gloucester Pike it did but not on Copley. Mayor Harris said we are having the speed study done and once the results are available, we will let you know. Vennitti then asked about the possibility of speed humps. Mayor Harris responded that we do a survey first to see if the residents want one. If the majority says yes, then we will install one. Councilman Ludwig added that historically residents did not want one in front of their house. It is an option we can consider once we get the results of the speed study. Deputy Chief Minardi said they will continue to be out there and will try to work with Runnemede to improve the situation. Mayor Harris thanked Mr. Vennitti for following up on this problem.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Councilman Ludwig second by Councilman Robenolt, the public portion was closed.

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

Action items:

Voucher No. 3 and Change Order No. 3 for DiMeglio Construction for the 2020 Capital Improvement Program

Chesterfield Road parking—when Councilman Beach gets back from vacation, we will set up a meeting with him and the chief and deputy chief to review the parking situation there. Then we will meet with the residents. The Clerk added that per our ordinance, almost all of Chesterfield is already no parking but does not need to be and was never enforced. Only the curve needs to be no parking for emergency vehicles. Evans said that ordinance was adopted in the 60's and may have had something to do with the apartments. We will look at all of this.

Review of Engineer's Report:

Year 2022 Safe Routes to Schools—we reached out to the principal to see if they did anything since 2016 to gather the information for the application. Councilman Drumm said he will follow-up to see if they are interested.

Year 2020 CDBG grant—we are working on the specs right now and will receive bids this month.

FY2021 NJDOT application—Austin Ave from 2nd to 3rd, we were going to bid with Oak Avenue and the intersection of Russell and Richards but DOT does not want us combining with other projects so we will separate it out. We will be preparing the plans and specs and will be going out to bid. We will bid them at the same time but will be individual bids.

Oak Avenue—contractor is behind and anticipates commencing the week of July 12. We did receive a speeding complaint. Clerk Shannon added that Sharon McCullough called this morning and said Haddonfield is getting speeding complaints too and they requested a speed hump. Greg said it is highly recommended that you do a speed study first to support it. Shannon said she emailed McCullough to see if they are doing a speed study but has not heard back yet. Councilman Cerrito asked about the possibility of rumble strips. Evans said he does not know if they have been utilized for speed control. Cerrito said when you drive on cobblestones in Phila, you have to go slow. He thought rumble strips may have the same effect. Evans said he will look into it.

Capital Improvement Program—Barrington Ave and 108 Shreve storm drain are done, 5th Avenue is still being watched to make sure the soil tightens. Commerce Drive Phase 3 and 4, concrete work is done and milling and paving will be done in the next two weeks.

4th Avenue pump station main break—we are preparing an estimate of costs to replace so potential funding sources can be sought.

Mayor Harris asked about Open Space—did we only submit for Girls' Softball? Evans said yes. She then asked about Chick-Fil-A punch list and Greg said that is being handled by Greg Fusco. Regarding Tonewood, they are close to being done with the site improvements.

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

♦ABC license transfer—the background check on the new owners of the liquor license formerly held by Time Out has been completed and approved. The resolution authorizing the person-to-person transfer will be on the council agenda.

♦Marijuana legislation—the Planning Board has reviewed and approved the proposed marijuana ordinance as amended. This ordinance will be on the council agenda for public hearing and adoption.

♦Purchase of fire truck through HGAC—the fire company wants to purchase the new truck provided for in the capital program through the HGAC cooperative. We are already a member of this cooperative. Councilman Robenolt provided information on the savings by purchasing through the co-op so the resolution authorizing the purchase will be on the council agenda.

♦Resolution & certification for Body-worn Camera Grant—the Police Department has been awarded a state grant for the purchase of body-worn cameras in the amount of \$50,950.00. A resolution and contract are required for the award and will be included on next week's council agenda.

♦Offices have reopened—we have reopened to the public as of today. Meetings are returning to in-person for the foreseeable future unless something changes.

♦Resolution for sharing of fire truck with Runnemede—Councilman Robenolt has requested a resolution regarding the sharing of a fire truck with Runnemede for the members of the BeaverBrook Alliance. We will also need the shared service agreement and I emailed Joyce Pinto in Runnemede today about this. If she sends the agreement, we can execute.

Council Agenda Review:

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

- Ord. 1144 Amending Chapter 64, Recycling, in the Borough Code
- Ord. 1145 Ordinance Permitting the Operation of Class 5 Cannabis Businesses and Prohibiting the Operation of All Other Classes of Cannabis Businesses within the Borough of Barrington
- Ord. 1146 Ordinance Amending Chapter 128, Zoning, in the Code of the Borough of Barrington

Resolutions:

- Change Order No. 3 for DiMeglio
- Resolution authorizing purchase of fire truck through HGAC Co-op
- Resolution approving person-to-person transfer of liquor license
- Resolution authorizing shared service agreement with Haddonfield
- Resolution for body-worn camera grant
- Chapter 159 for grants received
- Authorizing preparation of documents for bond sale
- Certifying the 2020 Audit report
- Resolution for sharing of fire truck with Runnemede
- July bill list

Councilman Robenolt has requested a proclamation for USPS employee, Bob Meloni

CFO's REPORT—CFO Moules reported on the following

You all received the monthly report with the bank balances and the current budget status—everything is in the black. Police overtime is way below prior years so it may not be necessary to continue with this report. The schedule is in place for the refunding bonds and the bond sale. We had a presentation with Standard & Poors and it went well. Our rating should stay at a AA stable. The audit conference was a short meeting as again there were no findings. We received our first payment of the ARP funds and that is earmarked for the 4th Avenue pump station project. We will make sure it is a qualifying project before we expend the funds. There will be a resolution on the agenda authorizing the bond sale that was prepared by bond counsel. There will also be a resolution for a Chapter 159 for the body camera grant, the donation from First Colonial and a small court grant.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Hanson—everything went well for the parade and fireworks. Thanks to all the emergency departments. Brews Beats and Eats is this Saturday; Police Department is planning for National Night Out.

Councilman Drumm—also thanked everyone including Jim Arpino for their work on the fireworks. We brought in Ernie Busch from Haddonfield as this was Jim's first time dealing with fireworks. Thanks to DPW for getting the green buckets out to all the residents.

Councilman Robenolt—roof project is moving along. We are waiting on a permit to remove the asbestos soffets. They anticipate starting on July 17. They replaced some rotted plywood and are doing a nice job.

Councilman Cerrito—we will display the 9/11 Memorial drawings at the council meeting along with the architect. We received a small piece of steel for the memorial and are expecting some of the soil from the PA site and limestone from the Pentagon. We did the ribbon cutting for Chick-Fil-A last week and hope to be doing Tonewood soon.

Councilman Ludwig—Friday night went really well; it was great to see everyone out and happy. Getting back to some of the basics is a great thing. It was a really nice night for everybody.

Mayor Harris added her thanks to everyone for their work on this parade and fireworks. She said people asked why we couldn't wait til next week for the fireworks and she told them once the fireworks are set, they have to go off. Anyone looking for the mayor's autograph, they are available here at borough hall.

Clerk Shannon reported to Deputy Chief Minardi that we need traffic barriers at 4th and Reading. So many cars went through the parade that it was scary—we were creating a human chain. Deputy Chief Minardi said he and Sgt. Pawling have a whole list of intersections where we need traffic barriers and it will be addressed next year. Councilman Ludwig added that we need to find a way to slow the parade down. We almost had to run to keep up with the rest of the parade. We have to find a way to go at a slower pace so everyone can keep up. Councilman Hanson said he blames the Chief because he was leading!

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Hanson, the second public portion was opened.

Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Hanson, 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 6:58pm.

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