

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
March 8, 2022, at 6:00 PM
COUNCIL ROOM AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

A regular monthly Council Meeting of the Borough of Barrington was held with Council President Beach presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Beach 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: Council President Beach, Councilman Cerrito, Councilman Drumm, Councilman Hanson and Councilman Ludwig. Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon and Timothy Higgins, Solicitor, were also on the dais. Mayor Harris and Councilman Robenolt were absent

PROCLAMATIONS OF THE MAYOR:

Honoring the Life & Contributions of Barbara Chew as read by Council President Beach. Assemblyman William Moen also presented a Resolution to the Chew family from the State of New Jersey. The Chew family presented the borough with a painting "Barrington NJ, Good to the Last Block" which was painted by Barbara Chews granddaughter.

Proclamation for Irish American Heritage Month was read by Councilman Ludwig.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council President Beach reported that council was provided with the minutes of the February 1, 2022, caucus meeting and the February 8, 2022, council meeting and asked if there were any corrections or abstentions. On a motion by Drumm, second by Ludwig, the minutes were approved by all members of Council present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Municipal Clerk read a summary of the February 2022 monthly reports from the following departments: Police, Fire, EMS/Ambulance, Regional Fire Alliance, Tax & Sewer Collector, Court Administrator report for January, Construction, and Trash and Recycling. On a motion by Ludwig, second by Cerrito, the monthly reports were approved as submitted by all members of Council present.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

The Municipal Clerk read the following ordinance by title.

- Ord. 1149 Amending Chapter 120, Vehicles and Traffic, in the Borough Code (stop sign at Moore and Albertson and adding Richards as snow emergency route)
- Ord. 1150 Adding Certain Sections to Chapter 128, Zoning, in the Borough Code Pursuant to an Overlay Zone in the Clements Bridge Road Redevelopment Plan, Phase III
- Ord. 1151 Amending Chapter 101, Sewers, in the Borough Code (sewer rates)

Ord. 1152 Amending Chapter 95, Property Maintenance, in the Borough Code (vacant property registration)

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

On a motion by Hanson, second by Drumm, the public hearing was opened.

Seeing no comments from the public, on a motion by Ludwig, second by Cerrito, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Hanson, second by Ludwig, Ordinances 1149, 1150, 1151 & 1152 were adopted with the following poll vote: Beach-yes; Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Hanson-yes, Ludwig-yes.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING:

The Municipal Clerk read the following ordinances by title:

Ord. 1153 Amending Sections 128-28 and 128-29 in Article IV, Manufacturing Districts, in Chapter 128, Zoning, of the Borough Code

On a motion by Hanson, second by Drumm, the ordinance was approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes; Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Hanson-yes, Ludwig-no.

Ord. 1154 Amending Chapter 58, Fees, in the Borough Code (raises hall rental fees)

On a motion by Ludwig, second by Hanson, the ordinance was approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes; Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Hanson-yes, Ludwig-yes.

These ordinances will be considered for adoption following proper notice and a public hearing to held during the April 12, 2022, council meeting.

RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA

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

3-2022-46 Authorizing Submission of a LEAP Grant Application with the Boroughs of Haddonfield and Haddon Heights

3-2022-47 Authorizing Distributions to Qualifying Members of the Barrington Fire Department under the LOSAP Program

3-2022-48 Cancelling Penalties Accrued on 1201 Clements Bridge Road

3-2022-49 Approving the Settlement Agreement and Release and Retirement of Kevin Hibbitt in the Borough of Barrington

3-2022-50 Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Tavistock Relative to Office Support Services

3-2022-51 Regarding Enforcement of a Portion of Chapter 46-9 of the Borough Code

3-2022-52 Authorizing Submission of an Application for Recreation Facility Enhancement Funding—Round 2022, for Lost World Park Playground Rehabilitation

3-2022-53 Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for a Used Trash Truck

3-2022-54 Designating Outdoor Smoking Areas at Public Facilities

3-2022-55 Adding 2022 Property Tax Exemption

3-2022-56 Approving the March Bill List in the Total Amount of \$981,435.89

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

PUBLIC PORTION

On a motion by Hanson, second by Ludwig, the public portion of the meeting was opened. Council President Beach 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.

Jennifer Milligan, 102 Lawrence Ave – advised that many drivers of all ages are going thru the stop signs at the corner of Trenton and Lawrence Aves. She is concerned about the children, what can be done? Chief Minardi said this occurs the same time school is getting out the Police are busy in other lots of areas. He will speak with Jennifer after the meeting to get more details and come up with other options.

Diane Schreyer, 212 S. Nassau Drive – suggested that speed bumps are more effective than stop signs in section of town, maybe here too. Chief Minardi said speed bumps is for council to talk about. Councilman Hanson said unfortunately there are a countless number of intersections that the Police can't maintain every second of every day. We currently have speeding complaints on about 20 streets. The Police are patrolling as best they can with the number of guys they have on. We have several speed studies lined up, if the Police believe it warrants a speed study on Trenton or Nassau, they will let the Councilman know. Council President Beach asked Public Works Superintendent Mike Ciocco if it is possible to put a bar with the stop sign and paint the word "stop" on the road and maybe that can help. Mike Ciocco advised there is an advanced stop sign warning because you are coming down a hill. Councilman Ludwig said young drivers don't know; Jennifer Milligan said it's not just young drivers, it's all ages.

Seeing no more comments from the public, on a motion by Drumm, second by Cerrito, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

COUNCILMAN LUDWIG – feels so bad for Ukraine, it is sad, homes are being destroyed for no reason at all. Thoughts and prayers for them.

COUNCILMAN CERRITO – seconded Councilman Ludwig's remarks on Ukraine, we should never take our freedom for granted, we live a life that is very blessed. There is a Green Team meeting after council tonight and he is looking forward to that; he thanked Dave Steinberg from Runnemede who will be attending the meeting to be a mentor and help them get started. Thanked the Dept. of Public Works and the Police for reaching out to PSE&G to work on the street pole lights this week--it should brighten Clements Bridge Road a little bit. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN DRUMM – Project Save from January thru December 2021 had 2,562 persons throughout the county recommended for this project; 84 were recommended by the Barrington Police Department, those numbers go with a town of our size. The Councilman appreciates that the Police Department are giving out those referrals to help people with addiction issues and allow them to get some help. Fire Alliance has located approximately ninety-eight rentals in Lawnside, and only ten are registered. Jim Arpino is working on this to get the owners identified--he has spoken to some of them to get the properties inspected. He echoed what Jen Milligan said about weather changing, sports are picking up and kids will be out more so watch your speeds and pay

attention to the stop signs. Four-way stop signs are good but pay attention and look all ways to proceed and protect our kids and everyone else.

COUNCILMAN HANSON – there are no events to report at this time on the Municipal level and nothing on Police right now. Pray for the people of Ukraine. The Councilman was at the state House in Trenton today and said that some Ukraine residents attended. New Jersey has one of the largest populations of Ukrainians in this country--prayers for all.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BEACH – echoed that thoughts and prayers are needed for Ukraine. Thanked the Chew family for the painting in honor of their mother, its beautiful and has lots of detail. The Dept. of Public Works were thanked for service in town and keeping up with everything. The seniors will have a ham dinner at the VFW/Memorial Senior Center on Shreve Ave on April 20, 6-8 pm, see Eileen Holcombe to sign up. We are working on getting a senior bus driver to get everyone out and meeting again.

Seeing no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Ludwig, second by Hanson, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm.

APPROVED: *Terry Shannon*
Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk