

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON**  
**MINUTES OF the 105th ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022, 5:00 P.M.**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Harris led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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:** Mayor Harris welcomed all to the reorganization meeting saying it is a pleasure to serve as Mayor along side all of Council. Congratulation to Councilman Ludwig and Drumm on their reelection, thank you all for being here tonight. Mayor said as a community we face adversity and sometimes difficult days, especially during the past twenty-two months. We never stopped being a kind, caring and thoughtful community. All stepped up to make an even better Barrington. We are a small town with a huge heart and when the leaders and community work together there is nothing we can't accomplish. With generous donations in 2021 from residents, community leaders, staff, Boy Scouts, postal service, and local businesses we were able to provide food to over one hundred families. Efforts of the Recreation Committee gave us a fabulous 4<sup>th</sup> of July and fireworks. Community Development team and Fire Department erected a 911 memorial, Public Safety including Fire, Police and Ambulance provided "Fall Fun with First Responders"; we had our tree lighting ceremony followed by a remarkable Fire Department Parade. Organizations such as the Civic Association stepped up hosting events and with the community provided Christmas dinner and gifts to over one hundred children; they also provided Christmas dinner to the seniors. Without groups such as these the borough could not be a complete and whole community and we are grateful to them. Police Chief Uron will retire in February after twenty-seven years of service to our borough, he will be recognized at our February meeting. Acting Chief Minardi will become the new Chief and continue to lead the department with the highest of standards. Our Fire Department, Fire Alliance and EMS continue to serve our community with great pride and outstanding service. Our Public Works Department keeps the town looking beautiful, roads cleared during inclement weather and festive during holidays. Our office staff goes above and beyond for our residents, their service is outstanding. We would be lost without our secretary and Senior Director Eileen Holcombe. She does an outstanding job keeping our seniors up to date on information to keep them active and engaged, if you are not on her email list please reach out to her. The last twenty-two months have been unprecedented and unnerving for all of us and I

promise to sever, protect, and value our residents and businesses. Wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

The Mayor introduced the Dignitaries:

Congressman Norcross – great to see all. Just doesn't seem like a new year until the band starts to play, but we will have to save that for another time. Congratulations to all serving now, it's a difficult job to do and congratulations to your family who support us as well. It's been a rough two years. We are in a pandemic, and we continue to survive, it is a testament to who we are as Americans. If you are working you are essential. Focus on shots in arms, money in our pockets, kids safely in school, and getting people back to work. The American Rescue plan has \$650,000 coming to Barrington and almost \$700,000 for schools so we can protect ourselves as best we can. Soon to pass the infrastructure 13.5 billion for New Jersey and make sure we get our fair share and work together. Democracy works when we work together in all levels of government, The Congressman said he is not convinced that the idea of arguing is good for our country, debate about being disagreeable is the hallmark. I'm happy to be here, love Barrington and reaffirming my commitment to work for you on behalf of all our constituents. Thank you.

Assemblyman Bill Moen - thanks Mayor and good evening. The Assemblyman echoed the comments of Congressman Norcross and extended greetings on behalf of the entire 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, which includes Barrington resident Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez, Assemblyman Bill Spearman and himself. Touching on the Congressman's remarks, from a state perspective, there is a ton of resources coming to South Jersey. State is working to make sure the resources are not only going where they need to go but also be coupled now and down the line with additional resources from the state or other areas. His office has been in touch with Mayor and Council on different transportation projects. As some of the new businesses come to town traffic will be impounded, from a state perspective we want to see how we can help with that. He expressed appreciation to Mayor and Council, first responders, residents, and congratulations to the Chief on his upcoming retirement, best wishes to upcoming Chief Minardi and the rest of the Police Force. The Assemblyman lives his in Bellmawr and my wife and he are expecting their first child the end of April so if the police see him speeding through town, please keep that in mind. Thank you, Happy New Year and looking forward to working with you.

Surrogate Gentek-Mayer – hello and stated that she is probably the only elected official that says I hope I don't have to help you! It's been a rough year and we have seen it in our surrogate court. Thanks all of you for keeping the residents safe and pass the word that it's not over yet and encourage all to wear masks, get vaccinated and boosted. Thank you for all you do, being on council is not easy. Congratulations to everyone and to the Chief happy retirement. Thank you and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Young – congratulations to everybody. On behalf of the Commissioners Board thank you for your support. It would be good to hear the band play again, we look forward to it every year to kick off the new year. Congratulations Chief on your retirement and to your new Chief we look forward to working with you in the Police Chiefs Association which I oversee. Enjoy yourself, stay safe and we will get through this next wave of the pandemic to the summer and have some fun again. Thank you.

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

Shawn Ludwig was sworn into office as Councilman by Charles Sauder, Mayor of Bellmawr.

Michael Drumm was sworn into office as Councilman by U. S. Congressman Donald Norcross.

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

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

COUNCILMAN LUDWIG – thanks everyone. We have been going with covid for two years, Thanks to all in my family who helped me to get reelected. Us as a team trying to get through this, it's a team effort, all the workers at the borough deal with the brunt of this on a regular basis. I look forward to serving for another three years.

COUNCILMAN DRUMM – to the congressman or swearing me in and for what you do in Washington. Count official thanks for what you do on a county level for the residents and Assemblyman Moen, thank you so much. All have always been supportive of Barrington and show up at our events, we really appreciate it, we hope to do the same for you. Thanks all who took time out tonight to be at this meeting, its great to see everybody. Thanks to my family and friends for their love and support. To the residents of Barrington, thank you for allowing me to do this again. It's been a great two years and I look forward to doing it for three more. Thank you, Mayor and Council, it's great working with you and you are very supportive of me. Thanks all and appreciate it.

## **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:**

**BARRINGTON'S BEST:** presented by Councilman Hanson to Rosemary Hare and Michelle Funatsu who were unable to join us. Over the entire pandemic, they have donated countless items to the food pantry and helped many families in town. I will drop the awards to their homes.

**POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR:** presented by Acting Chief Minardi and Councilman Hanson to Officer Dan Hovern. He recovered six guns, seized almost \$12,000 and is in the process of applying for forfeiture of a vehicle. He completed and executed four search warrants and has gone to great lengths to make himself a well-rounded officer. He has taken on more responsibilities within the department including becoming an armor and SWAT officer and is also a child seat officer who is often seen helping residents to install child seats. He has great relationship with the residents, specifically the children, he volunteers with the Garnet Country Police Outreach program that was started at Haddon Heights High School. Dan is a great asset to the Barrington Police Department and is well deserving of this award. Congratulations Dan!

Office Hovern – thanked Council for the recognition and especially the Chief and Administration for selecting me for this award, it's truly an honor and I will continue to make you proud.

**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-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Hanson-yes, Ludwig-yes, Robenolt-yes.

## **MOTION IS CARRIED**

**SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:** Councilman Beach was sworn in as Council President by U. S. Congressman Donald Norcross.

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

Class II Member, one year term ending 12/31/22  
Class III Member, one year term ending 12/31/22  
Class IV Member, four year term ending 12/31/25  
Class IV Alt. Member, four year term ending 12/31/25

Mike Minardi  
Vincent Cerrito  
Edward Harrell  
Jennifer Milligan

**RESOLUTIONS:** The Municipal Clerk advised that she 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

1-2022-1 Authorizing Agreements for Professional Services for the Borough of Barrington-2022

1-2022-2 Designating 2022 Governing Body Committee Assignments

1-2022-3 Approving Individual Borough Appointments

1-2022-4 Adopting the 2022 Temporary Budget for the Borough of Barrington, County of Camden, New Jersey

1-2022-5 Authorizing the Appointment of Representative and Alternate to the Camden County Community Development Board of Directors

1-2022-6 Designating 2022 Meeting Nights for the Borough Council of the Borough of Barrington, County of Camden, New Jersey

1-2022-7 Authorizing the Borough Clerk's Office to Maintain a Revolving Petty Cash Fund in the Amount of \$200.00

1-2022-8 Designating Legal and Official Newspapers for 2022

1-2022-9 Designating Depositories for the Borough of Barrington for the Year 2021

1-2022-10 Setting Interest Rate Charges for Delinquent Taxes in the Borough of Barrington for 2022

1-2022-11 Authorizing Investment of Idle Funds and Fund Transfers by the Finance Officer

1-2022-12 Establishing a Cash Management Plan for the Borough of Barrington

1-2022-13 Designating Healthcare Companies for 2022

1-2022-14 Appointing Municipal Court Personnel

1-2022-15 Awarding a 2022 Contract for Animal Control Services for 2022

1-2022-16 Awarding a 2022 Contract for Animal Shelter Services

On a Motion by Ludwig, seconded by Drumm, the Resolutions were approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Hanson-yes, Ludwig-yes, Robenolt-yes.

### **MOTION IS CARRIED**

**PUBLIC PORTION:** Mayor Harris advised that if you have a comment or question to please state your name and address for the record.

On a Motion by Hanson, seconded by Robenolt, the public portion of the meeting was opened.

Diane Schryer, 212 S. Nassau Dr – thanked everyone for all they do and thanks to the honored guests for being here. Congratulations Mike Beach on election as Council President.

Eileen Holcombe, 511 Fifth, thank you for recognizing Rosemary and Michelle, they are very good and generous with what they do. Thank you.

Jennifer Milligan, 102 Lawrence Ave, congratulations to Mike and Shawn, I look forward to working with you in the next few years. Congratulations to Mike Beach on election as Council President. Thanks for the planning board appointment--I learned a lot and look forward to the future. Congratulations to all who received awards tonight, this town pulls together when needed, and we are a wonderful little town.

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

## **MOTION IS CARRIED**

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BEACH – congratulations and thanks to award winners, Planning Board members and Councilman Drumm and Ludwig. Looking forward to working with you another year; we all work well together, and I appreciate all the hard work you put in. Thanks to our dignitaries for being here tonight, thanks to our employees and directors, it's been a long two years, all have done an amazing job and we haven't fallen behind on any services. Thanks Mayor and Council for Council President nomination; we have a great governing body, and we work well together, it is truly humbling, and I appreciate your confidence in me. Have a happy safe and healthy New Year.

COUNCILMAN HANSON – echoed what Council President Beach said, Thanks to our dignitary's form coming out, congratulations Mike Drumm and Shawn Ludwig. We do have a great team and we do work well together; I look forward to continuing that this year. Congratulations to officer Hovern on his award, we are lucky to have you in our police department family.

COUNCILMAN DRUMM – congratulations to the award winners. congrats to award winners. Glad to see our residents recognized, congratulations Dan Hovern and Mike Beach.

COUNCILMAN LUDWIG – thanks Terry Shannon. On a regular basis she keeps the town moving and keeps all of us in line. Thanks Terry and all frontline workers, they are the hero's and make sure our resident are taken care of. We have lots of volunteers and we are blessed to live in the town so many care for, it's the whole community. Thanks Uncle Bill who did a lot to help me out.

COUNCILMAN ROBENOLT – thanks for attending tonight. Thanks all who here, our borough employees, professionals, Fire, EMS, Police. It's been a trying two years and they have done an outstanding job in keeping all safe. The Councilman encouraged all to get vaccinated, there is a big increase in town so get vaccinated and safe. Shawn and Mike congratulations, and Mike Beach on election as Council President, I enjoy working with this whole team. Dan Hovern, always a pleasure to work with you on the street, you do an outstanding job and are extremely helpful to residents and other departments in town. Congratulations to all our award winners

COUNCILMAN CERRITO – congratulations Mike and Shawn, looking forward to working again with you. It is an honor to serve on council and with each of you, .and we work well together. Congratulation Mike Beach on election as Council President; congratulations to our award recipients. Thanks to all dignitaries for participating tonight and thanks for all you do. Thanks to our staff and office for all you do on a daily basis, you hold down the town, appreciate the great job you did.

MAYOR HARRIS – congratulations to Dan Hovern and thanks to our volunteers; without them we would not get so much done; especially the Civic Association and the food pantry. Recreation Committee, Planning Board, all are volunteers, and you are appreciated very much.

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

The Mayor thanked all dignitaries here tonight, Congressman Norcross, Assemblyman Moen, Commissioner Young and Surrogate Gentek-Mayer.

**ADJOURN:** Seeing no other business to be transacted on a Motion by Robenolt, seconded by Ludwig the Reorganization Meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm.

Approved: *Terry Shannon*  
Terry Shannon  
Municipal Clerk