

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022, 6:00PM, MAYOR/COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

The Clerk called roll and the following were present: Councilman Beach, Councilman Cerrito, Councilman Hanson and Councilman Robenolt. Also present were Mayor Harris, Clerk Shannon, Secretary Eileen Holcombe and Solicitor Tim Higgins. Councilman Ludwig and Councilman Drumm were absent with prior notice.

First Public Portion

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT—

Greg Evans was not present so Clerk Shannon reported there will be a resolution to apply for NJDOT Municipal Aid for Phase 2 of Austin Avenue, on the agenda.

Mayor Harris added that on June 20, they will be starting the work on Austin Avenue for Phase 1.

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

Liquor license renewals—all liquor licenses expire on June 30 and will be on the agenda for renewal. I will be contacting the folks who bought the Time Out license as the state has not processed the transfer and they need to resubmit their paperwork.

Cyber Security training—final reminders were sent out this week. Deadline to complete the training is July 1.

Fireworks on July 3—all paperwork has been received and forwarded to the Fire Marshal. Facility use form is being sent over to Board of Ed as soon as the updated COI is received from the vendor. Mayor Harris added that the show will be the same as last year and no one will be permitted behind Woodland School.

Purchase of two trucks for DPW through Sourcewell Co-op—Mike Ciocco has submitted proposals for purchase of two trucks for DPW that were part of his capital request. One of these will be used with a chipper for brush collection. He has \$240,567 in capital funds and the total cost for the two trucks is \$253,407. He wants to cover the shortfall of \$12,840 with Recycling Grant funds. As the one truck will be used for brush collection, it qualifies for use of these funds. There are currently \$39,894 available in the recycling grant. A resolution authorizing purchase through the Sourcewell Co-op will be on the agenda.

Resolution supporting Senate bill S-330 which restores the Energy Receipts Tax to municipalities Mayor Harris requested this be on the agenda as it is strongly supported by the League and the NJ Conference of Mayors.

Council Agenda Review:

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

- Ord. 1157 Amending Chapter 120, Vehicles and Traffic (Barrington Ave no parking)
- Ord. 1158 Adding Article VI to Chapter 49A, Business Registration (cannabis license fees)

•Ord. 1159 Amending Chapter 111, Taxation, in the Borough Code (cannabis tax)

Resolutions:

- Resolution for renewal of liquor licenses
- Chapter 159 for grant received
- Authorizing grant application for NJDOT Municipal Aid
- Authorizing purchase of two trucks through the Sourcewell Co-op
- Shared service agreements with Merchantville for CFO and Tax Collector
- Resolution supporting passage of S-330 which restores Energy Tax Receipts
- Appointing David Pawling as Emergency Management Coordinator
- June bill list

Councilman Cerrito will present Military Appreciation Certificates to four HHHS students at council. Mayor Harris added that we will be joined by Commissioner Kane and possibly representatives from the 5th District and the Congressman's office.

CFO's REPORT—Denise Moules reported on the following:

Standard monthly reports were distributed; we are in the black in all accounts and revenues are trending as anticipated. The auditors completed the audit and we will be getting the list of discussion items so a review meeting can be scheduled. Attached to the back of the report is a chart showing the impact of the loss in Energy Taxes over the years for your review.

Mayor Harris reported that the total impact to the average homeowner for the tax bills should only be about \$30-\$40 per year.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Hanson—Chief Minardi will be giving out awards at the council meeting. We have a couple events in June—movie night is tomorrow and Sunday is an ice cream sundae event at the playground hosted by the Civic Association. Fire Company is having a Lego show on the 25th and 26th at the firehouse. A group of students from HHHS is planning a Pride event at Chuck Lager on the 23rd. July 4 parade is on the 3rd at 6pm, fireworks at dusk. We would like to have more groups involved. A couple towns in our district are doing a proclamation promoting gun violence awareness. I would like us to do one as well. We are working with Greg on Lost World Park plans. We have received some sponsors and donations in addition to the grant funds. Memorial Day went well—thanks to the Fire Department.

Councilman Beach—we hired some people for seasonal help. Towards the end of June, we will be hiring more kids to work this summer.

Councilman Cerrito—Green Team will be after council. We will send out a reminder email. We are discussing a community garden in town and are having a logo contest by students in town. I will be presenting awards to graduates who are going in to the military. Please check out the 9/11 memorial—all the holes were drilled into the monument and it looks great.

Mayor Harris—we will be welcoming the graduates who will be going into the military. 8th grade graduation is June 15 and then kids will be out of school. Please be careful as they will be out and about. Thank you to the Fire Company for hosting Memorial Day. Thanks to all for helping with the lady who passed out. Baseball has moved to the next round of playoffs and the HHHS girls softball for the first time in history has moved on to the championship and they are playing in Toms River. Thanks to all for your hard work during the first half of this year.

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

Resolution for approval: 6-2022-75, Authorizing a Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contractual, Personnel and/or Attorney/Client Privileged Matters. On a motion by Councilman Cerrito, second by Councilman Hanson, the resolution was approved with the following poll vote: Cerrito-yes, Beach-yes; Hanson-yes; Robenolt-yes.

On a motion by Councilman Hanson, second by Councilman Beach, the meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:23pm.

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