

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023, 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 Drumm, Councilman Hanson Councilman Ludwig and Councilman Robenolt. Also present were Clerk Terry Shannon, Secretary Eileen Holcombe, Finance Officer Denise Moules and Solicitor Tim Higgins.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Greg Evans stated that they have nothing to report tonight but want to thank the Governing Body for their reappointment and they look forward to serving the borough for another year. Councilman Beach thanked Greg for the past year.

**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 Cerrito second by Councilman Ludwig, the public portion was closed.

**Administration—Clerk Shannon reported on the following items**

- Aetna and Virtua agreed to a three-month extension of the current contract while negotiations are ongoing. There will be no interruption in medical coverage through March 31. Hopefully they will settle the contract by that date.
- Resolution designating deputy records custodians in various departments for council agenda. As Clerk, I am permitted to name deputies in other departments. This protects me as I cannot be held responsible if another department fails to fulfill an OPRA request.
- Resolution appointing Chris Mecca and Thomas El to four-year terms. This fell through the cracks as they both came to us through a shared service. When the shared services were terminated, we should have appointed them to four-year terms. A resolution to fix this will be on next week's agenda.
- Letter from Tim regarding amendment to zoning—new statute requires municipalities to amend zoning to include provisions for Electric Vehicle Supply/Service Equipment and Make-Ready Parking Spaces. Scott Smith from KEI is reviewing our zoning ordinance accordingly. Tim has prepared the model ordinance which after Scott has reviewed, this can be introduced at the January council meeting. Mayor Harris asked if this applies to residential or commercial and Tim responded it is primarily commercial and applies to 25 parking spaces or more. Councilman Robenolt asked if we have to put them in at our buildings and Tim said that is not a requirement at this point.
- Renewal of the shared services agreement with Camden County for Project Save—resolution will be on next week's agenda.
- Renewal of the shared service agreements with the four towns for the Regional Fire Alliance—the agreement expired December 31. We prepared the new agreement and are waiting for DCA to approve the language. Once approved, it will be sent out to Oaklyn, Mount Ephraim, Hi-Nella and Lawnside.
- AFSCME members ratified the new contract on December 22. Resolution authorizing execution of the contract and the corresponding salary ordinance will be on the January 10 council agenda.

•PILOT agreement with Tonewood—this must be finalized this week for assessment purposes. Tim sent the ordinance today and the corresponding resolution will both be on next week's agenda.

### **Council Agenda Review**

Ordinances for introduction on first reading:

- Amending the zoning ordinance to include electric vehicle equipment/parking spaces
- Salary ordinance for AFSCME personnel
- Tonewood commercial abatement ordinance

Resolutions: (*preliminary—more may be added*)

- Resolution designating deputy records custodians
- Resolution appointing Chris Mecca and Thomas El to four-year terms
- Resolution authorizing SSA with the four towns for the Fire Alliance
- Resolution renewing the agreement with Camden County for Project Save
- Resolution authorizing execution of the new contract with AFSCME
- Authorizing renewal of the SSA with Mount Ephraim for clerk services
- January bill list

### **CFO's REPORT**

CFO Moules reported the year-end monthly reports were distributed. Everything is in the black. There is a shortfall of revenue with municipal court and that shortfall was covered by budget cancellations. Next month I will provide the schedule for the 2023 budget. We will hold the departmental meetings as we did in the past. The goal is to introduce by April and adopt by May.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilman Hanson—you all received the shared service agreement with Heights. Tim revised to add that Heights is the lead agency. The SSA was developed with input from both fire departments after they met in early-mid December. Both public safety committees are in agreement with the language. Heights passed theirs last week and appointed Joe Hales as fire chief and Shawn Ferguson as assistant chief. The goal is for us to do the same. Mayor Harris added this is a one-year agreement to see how it goes and if any adjustments need to be made. Councilman Hanson added that Chief Hales met with all members last night and it was a well-attended and open meeting. Communication was great.

On a motion by Councilman Hanson, second by Councilman Drumm, Resolution, 1-2023-17, Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with Haddon Heights for Provision of Firefighting Services, was approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes; Cerrito-yes; Drumm-yes; Hanson-yes; Ludwig-yes; Robenolt-no. Resolution was approved.

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

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Cerrito, the meeting adjourned at 6:17pm.

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