

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON  
MINUTES OF THE 105th ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023, 5:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL ROOM AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The Reorganization Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Barrington was held 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 called the meeting to order and made 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."

**MAYOR HARRIS:** welcomed residents, staff, council and dignitaries to the 105<sup>th</sup> Reorganization of the Borough of Barrington. Stated she is proud to serve and looks forward to 2023. Thanks to her husband and children who continue to support her role as Mayor. Thanked all in the Tax Office, Construction, Police, Fire and EMS, Public Works and Fire Alliance departments, who provide the outstanding services the residents have come to expect. Recognized her colleagues for their hard work in promoting small businesses, community development, shared services, a strong commitment to the employees, sustainability for our community, events that promote family engagement, strong support of our public safety and a willingness to dedicate themselves to the Borough of Barrington and the residents. It is not always easy, we don't always agree, but we work for a common cause which is to keep Barrington first. Congratulations Mike and Wayne on their re-election.

Mayor Harris introduced the following dignitaries who were present and spoke:

Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez, who congratulated Mike and Wayne on their re-election. As a resident of Barrington, the Senator is grateful for the services provided to this town, and she loves "her" town. Happy, healthy New Year to all, God bless you.

Commissioner Jonathan Young, congratulations to Wayne and Michael, great councilman, great town. This council is a good council and thanks to Barrington for being such good partners with the county. It is always a pleasure working with Barrington and watching this little town start to grow and flourish. It is good to see businesses come back and grow. The services you provide are second to none. Congratulations and hopes for a prosperous 2023.

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

Wayne Robenolt was administered the Oath of Office for being re-elected to council by Michael Collis, Esq.

Michael Beach was administered the Oath of Office for being re-elected to council by New Jersey State Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez.

The Senator added that Assemblyman Bill Moen and Bill Spearman send their regards. There are about six Reorganizations going on in the Fifth District today and they send their love and regards- we work as a team to make life better for everybody.

**REMARKS BY NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

COUNCILMAN ROBENOLT- congratulated Mike Beach. Thanked his family, his wife is still at work and could not be here, thanks for putting up with all he does throughout the year. Thanks to

the residents for their support, thanks to the professionals and staff, and all the department heads. Chief Baus, special thanks for all your service to Barrington. It has been a trying time and your professionalism is appreciated. He has done an outstanding job for this town.

**COUNCILMAN BEACH** – congratulated Wayne on a great job this year. Thanks to my family for putting up with me when I take random two-hour drives around town to check things out. Thanks to the state legislators and county commissioners for their help--they are always there for Barrington, all our employees and departments from the supervisors on down. All care about this town. And thanks to the residents for putting their faith in me again--you make it easy to love this town and to do what we do and put in the time. Thanks to my colleagues--I'm looking forward to another three years. Thanks for all you do--especially Mayor Harris for walking me through the past six years.

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL:** The Municipal Clerk called roll of council with the following in attendance: Councilman Beach, Councilman Cerrito, Councilman Drumm, Councilman Hanson, and Councilman Robenolt. Councilman Ludwig had not yet arrived.

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:**

**BARRINGTON'S BEST:** presented by Councilman Hanson to the Dinella Family, who unfortunately was unable to attend. Mike, who is a former councilman, and his wife Michele, raised their two kids, Max and Mya, in town. They are silent supporters of many local charities and organizations in town. Over the last two years the Dinella Family has made numerous donations to our food pantry, and they reach out often to see if we are in need of any supplies. We thank them for their continued support of our town and the borough food pantry. We are proud to present them with this year's Barrington's Best Award.

**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD:** presented by Councilman Hanson to Grace Bible Church. The Church and its community give back in so many ways, outside of their religious offerings, they operate a local food pantry that helps dozens of local families each month, they host free family events throughout the year, such as this years Easter Egg Hunt, annual Back to School Bash and recently some Phillies World Series watch parties. They participate in and help to run the Barrington Harvest Festival and Barrington Day. They also host local blood drives, meet up events for mom's who have children with special needs and sewing nights where they donate items for Options for Women in Cherry Hill. In 2020 they paid off the school lunch debts for students in Avon and Woodland schools which totaled over \$1,400. Our town would not be the same without Grace Bible and it's love and dedication to our community. Thank you!

**POLICE AND FIRE AWARDS:** Chief Minardi recognized Sgt. Gary Hawkins, Patrolman Kiernan McKeown, Cherry Hill Firefighter Jeffrey Marsden and retired Atlantic City Airport Firefighter John Karolinski. On November 4, Marsden and Karolinski were driving through Barrington on Shreve Avenue and saw smoke coming from a residence. They pulled over, exited their vehicle and checked to see if anyone was inside while calling 9-1-1. They were able to go inside and heard a faint cry for help. Sgt. Hawkins and Ptl. McKeown arrived on scene to assist. The house was full of smoke but the four men worked together and were able to rescue the victim. Because of their actions, displaying bravery without regard for their own safety, they were able to save the life of this victim. They are being presented with the Live Saving award.

**POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR FOR 2022:** presented by Chief Minardi and Councilman Hanson to Officer Tyrell Thomas. Officer Thomas is a great representative of the Barrington Police Department and is very deserving of Officer of the Year. He is the total package as a police officer. He is one of the most proactive officers on the street and takes the initiative to build bonds with the community. Along with Lt. Kinkler of the Haddon Heights Police Department, Officer Thomas created the Garnet County Outreach Program, which involves officers going to the high school on their own time and talking with students. Officer Thomas has turned this program in to something great. He is always trying to learn and make himself a better police officer. With his

great attitude and hard work, he has established himself as a leader in the police department. The Chief is very proud of the job Officer Thomas has done and can't wait to see what he does in the coming years. Officer Thomas received a standing ovation.

Mayor Harris expressed thanks to all of the award winners.

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:** Mayor Harris opened the floor for nominations for President of Council. Councilman Beach nominated Councilman Hanson 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, Robenolt-yes.

### **MOTION IS CARRIED**

**SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:** Councilman Hanson was administered the Oath of Office as Council President by Commissioner Jonathan Young.

Mayor Harris recognized a "special guest" in our audience, Pat Egan-Jones, who is a former Assemblywoman, Surrogate and Councilwoman. Pat spoke and said I have lived in Barrington for more than 50 years. I am a proud resident. God bless you all and have a wonderful year.

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

- 1-2023-1 Authorizing Agreements for Professional Services for 2023
- 1-2023-2 Designating 2023 Governing Body Committee Assignments
- 1-2023-3 Approving Individual Borough Appointments
- 1-2023-4 Adopting the 2023 Temporary Budget  
Appointing Representatives to the Camden Co. Community Development Board
- 1-2023-5 Board
- 1-2023-6 Designating 2023 Official Meeting Dates
- 1-2023-7 Authorizing the Petty Cash Fund
- 1-2023-8 Designating Legal and Official Newspapers for 2023
- 1-2023-9 Designating Depositories for 2023
- 1-2023-10 Setting the Interest Rate Charges for Delinquent Taxes
- 1-2023-11 Authorizing Investment of Idle Funds and Transfers
- 1-2023-12 Establishing a Cash Management Plan
- 1-2023-13 Designating Healthcare Companies for 2023
- 1-2023-14 Appointing Municipal Court Personnel
- 1-2023-15 Awarding a Contract for Animal Control Services for 2023
- 1-2023-16 Awarding a Contract for Animal Shelter Services for 2023

On a Motion by Hanson, seconded by Beach, the Resolutions were approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Hanson-yes, Robenolt-yes, with exception of 1-2023-3.

### **MOTION IS CARRIED**

Councilman Ludwig arrived to the meeting at 5:27pm.

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

Class II Member, term ending 12/31/23	Zachary Ferguson
Class III Member, term ending 12/31/23	Vincent Cerrito
Class IV Member, term ending 12/31/23	Tyler Orlando
Class IV Member, term ending 12/31/26	Diane Schreyer
Class IV Member, term ending 12/31/25	Lawrence Liss
Class IV Alt. 2 Member, term ending 12/31/26	Linda Lang
Class Iv Alt. 3 Member, term ending 12/31/2025	Terry Sullivan

Commissioner Director Louis Cappelli was recognized by Mayor Harris. The director congratulated Wayne and Mike. He advised it was a great year for Barrington last year and they look forward to working with Barrington for more good things to happen. He said that Barrington continues to impress them with the amount of economic activity Barrington has--keep up the good work.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

On a Motion by Cerrito, second by Drumm, the public portion of the meeting was opened. Mayor Harris advised that if you have a comment or question to please state your name and address for the record.

Diane Schryer, 212 S. Nassau Dr – said the Mayor thanked everyone and covered all the bases, and “ditto” to all that was said. Thanked the Mayor and all mentioned for everything they do. She is privileged to be reappointed to the Planning Board, it is important for our town, thank you.

Jennifer Milligan, 102 Lawrence Ave - congratulations to Wayne and Mike, I look forward to working with you. Asked if a solicitors permit is needed for her daughter to sell Girl Scout cookies. She was advised that it is not needed as the Girl Scouts are exempt because they are a charitable organization.

Seeing no further comments from the public, on a Motion by Hanson, second by Cerrito, 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 HANSON – congratulated Councilman Beach and Robenolt for another term and looks forward to working closely with each of them. Thanked Senator Cruz-Perez, Commissioner Director Cappelli and Commissioner Young for attending tonight. Thanked his council colleagues for their vote of confidence in electing him Council President. Congratulated all the award recipients, all is well deserved, and congratulations to all appointees, we look forward to working with all of you. Thanks to the borough staff, without all of you we could be where we are.

COUNCILMAN DRUMM – thanks all for coming. Congratulations to Wayne and Mike on another term, look forward to working with you. Thanks to the dignitaries who took time, we know you are busy with all you do. Congratulations to all the award winners and thanks to our staff. The borough is amazing and all work hard. Happy and safe New Year to all.

COUNCILMAN BEACH – congratulated all the award winners and thank you for going above your normal call of duty. Your awards are very well deserved.

COUNCILMAN LUDWIG – congratulations to Wayne and Mike, apologies for being late. Staff at borough did a good job, looking forward to another year.

COUNCILMAN CERRITO – congratulations Mike, Wayne, and Kyle. Congratulations to all appointed and fellow elected officials for attending today. To hear the story in a small town of saving a life is very touching, thank you for that. Our Green Team is flourishing, thank you all who have donated to our community garden, it is appreciated. Thank you, Mayor for my Planning Board appointment. Thank you, Department of Public Works, you all do such a great job and. Thanks too to our office employees.

COUNCILMAN ROBENOLT – congratulations to the award winners. Very commendable that those entering the house to rescue the resident did so without equipment, you went above and beyond.

MAYOR HARRIS – Officer Thomas is not just a hero here and an employee. He spends time with the high school students. He works with the football team and works out with them. He continues with the kids who already graduated, and he is such a positive role model. That is with all the officers in our town, we are proud of each and every one of them. Thank you Chief and Lieutenant, that says a lot about you. Thank you to the award winners who put out so much effort when they don't have to. The guys who saved the life, we are indebted to you, and I am sure the family is too. We have new Planning Board members, so excited to have people be interested in being on the board. There is a lot that goes into decisions, and we work well together. Thanks also to our professionals for your guidance, advice, and help.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Seeing no other business to be transacted, on a motion by Hanson, second by Beach, the Reorganization Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Approved: Terry Shannon  
Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk