

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 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 Cerrito, Councilman Drumm, Councilman Hanson and Councilman Ludwig. Absent were Councilman Beach with prior notice and Councilman Robenolt. Also present were Clerk Terry Shannon, Secretary Eileen Holcombe, Finance Officer Denise Moules, Engineer and Greg Evans and Solicitor Tim Higgins.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Greg Evans reported that there is one action item—resolution to approve the Camden County Open Space grant application, Round 2023, for Lost World Park.

Mayor Harris stated that Camden County is installing solar speed signs on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and pedestrian crossing signs/speed signs on Clements Bridge Road. After installation, the borough becomes responsible for maintenance of these signs. We will be approving the shared service by resolution—thank you to Greg for his work on this project. There will also be an intersection sign installed before the bridge, so drivers know there is an intersection/pedestrian crossing coming up at Trinity and Clements Bridge.

**First Public Portion**

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

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

- Resolution for contract with Pyrotecnico—the resolution for this year's fireworks contract will be on the council agenda. Councilman Hanson added that the cost is going up again and the rec department is absorbing it in their budget.
- SAGE Grant resolution—the PD will be participating in the 2023 UDrive, Utext, Upay program and requested a resolution of support which will be on the council agenda.
- Resolutions for online auctions—the resolution we did last month was generic and the state is requiring that the resolutions be specific to the online platform to be used and the details of the items to be sold must be included. We will be re-doing this resolution and will have two separate ones—one for GovDeals and another for Municibid. Both will be on the council agenda. Also, DPW has added more equipment to the online auction as well.
- Financial Disclosure Statements—there is legislation pending which could amend the FDS requirements. At this time, the state has not opened the filing period until this has been resolved. More to come.
- Resolution for SSA with Camden County—Camden County will be installing solar powered speed signs on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and pedestrian beacon signs on Clements Bridge Road at their cost. After installation, the borough will be responsible for maintenance of these signs. The County has provided a shared services agreement for execution. Resolution will be on the council agenda.
- Community Garden to begin selling plots—we will be meeting after caucus to finalize the pricing for the garden plots. The application will be posted on Facebook and the website starting tomorrow.

- Resolutions for introduction of the budget—resolution to introduce and the EEOC resolution will both be on the council agenda (Denise will discuss budget details).
- Town Wide Yard sale set for April 22—benefits the Community Garden this year.
- Resolution for Local Government Week—Councilman Hanson requested the resolution for local government week, April 16-22, be included on the council agenda.
- Barrington on Track—deadline for submission of articles was yesterday. Will begin working on pages for submission to the printer this week. If you have a late submission, please get it to me.

#### Council agenda review:

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

Ord. 1169      2023 COLA Ordinance to accompany the municipal budget

Ordinance for introduction on first reading:

Ord. 1170      Establishing a Fee for a Plot in the Community Garden

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

- Authorizing a contract with Pyrotecnico
- Supporting the UDrive, Utext, UPay program
- Authorizing online sale of surplus property using GovDeals
- Authorizing online sale of surplus property using Municibid
- Authorizing a SSA with Camden County for solar traffic signs
- Authorizing submission of a grant application for Camden Co Open Space funds
- Resolution for Local Government Week
- Resolution to certify compliance with EEOC hiring practices (accompanies the budget)
- Resolution to introduce the 2023 Municipal Budget
- April bill list

#### **CFO's REPORT**

CFO Moules reported the monthly reports were distributed. Overall budget is in the black. We had budget meetings last month and everyone came prepared with clear reporting on what they were requesting. The finance committee reviewed, made cuts, and this year there will be no tax increase. We will also be introducing the 2023 salary ordinance. I will be sending out the budget document for your review when we are done entering all of the data. Councilman Ludwig asked that we communicate to the residents that the municipality had no tax increase but we can't control what the schools do.

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilman Hanson—we are splitting the Lost World Park project into years because of funding. We are ordering the climbing equipment this year and the rest will be next year. We are applying again for DCA grant and Open Space and hopefully we will get those grants again which will enable us to finish the project. We will need a resolution to order the equipment. The new police cars are in, the fire department is thriving. We received a letter from a woman who was praising the police department for their compassion and professionalism in helping with her son who has mental health issues. Barrington Day is the last Saturday of this month behind Woodland School from 11am-3pm. Memorial Day is at 9am behind borough hall. We will have our first female servicewoman speaking. There is an Easter Egg Hunt this weekend behind Grace Bible Church.

Councilman Cerrito—thank you to the budget committee for their work on the budget. To have no tax increase in this economic environment is really an accomplishment. Earth Day is April 22 and we will get information out soon. Councilman Hanson added that is also the day for the Town Wide Yard Sale.

Mayor Harris—we had girls come in to try on prom dresses. I was here for four hours last week. Girls from Magnolia will be here next week and we also had girls from Haddon Heights. It was emotional for a couple of people who were so happy their teen could get a dress and accessories.

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

On a motion by Councilman Cerrito, second by Councilman Ludwig, the meeting adjourned at 6:31pm.

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