

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 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 and Councilman Robenolt. Councilman Hanson was absent with prior notice. Councilman Ludwig was absent. Also present were Deputy Clerk/CFO Denise Moules, Secretary Eileen Holcombe, Engineer Greg Evans and Solicitor Tim Higgins.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Harris read a proclamation in recognition of June as LGBTQ+ Pride month in Barrington.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Greg Evans reported that there are four resolutions and two ordinances for consideration. Clerk Shannon included them on her report. Also the bids for the police renovations was cancelled and will be re-bid after the school renovation season is complete.

**First Public Portion**

On a motion by Councilman Cerrito, second by Councilman Drumm, the first public portion of the meeting was opened. Present was Kristin Lampe from the Green Team spoke about the importance of including green choices and native plants in our landscaping designs. She cited statistics on how many birds and other wildlife benefit from native plants and their importance to the eco-system. You are our leaders and set the example for the community. This is so important in protecting the environment for future generations including our own children. Mayor Harris responded that she did listen to the podcast Kristin recommended and understands the importance of this. Councilman Beach said he will make sure Mike Ciocco is aware so native plants can be included in our landscaping. Clerk Shannon added that the Green Team is going to make it their mission to educate the community about this. The governing body thanked Kristin for coming out and expressing these concerns.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Councilman Beach, second by Councilman Drumm, the public portion was closed.

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

Introduction of flood damage prevention ordinance—KEI has prepared the new flood damage prevention ordinance based on the model required by NJDEP and FEMA. The language has been approved by both agencies and is ready for introduction. The ordinance was emailed to all of you today for review.

Introduction of the tree removal/replacement ordinance—this ordinance, also prepared by KEI, is going to be reviewed by the Green Team to see how it impacts our current tree protection ordinance. The ordinance can be introduced and the Green Team will provide input prior to adoption.

Drug Alliance grant resolution—because of a timing issue, the annual resolution authorizing submission of an application for Drug Alliance funding is on this agenda for approval.

NJDOT Local Transportation Projects Fund resolution—because of a timing issue, the resolution authorizing submission of an application for LTPF funding will also be on this agenda for approval.

Rescinding of Covid policy—because of the ending of the Covid emergency, the Covid policy for illness has been rescinded. Employees and the union have been notified that we are returning to the normal sick leave policy and no testing or masking will be required.

Resolution for renewal of liquor licenses—the annual renewal of all liquor licenses in Barrington will be on the council agenda.

### **Council agenda review**

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

Ord. 1172      Bond Ordinance for Capital Program in the amount of \$699,000

Ord. 1173      Amending Chapter 58, Fees, in the Borough Code (summer rec program and permit to carry a handgun)

Ordinances for introduction on first reading:

Tree removal/replacement ordinance

Privately owned salt storage ordinance

Flood damage prevention ordinance

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

- Resolution for NJDOT Municipal Aid application (Austin Ave continuation)
- Change order No. 2-Final for current Austin Ave project
- Resolution for NJDOT Route 30 ADA Improvements
- Renewal of Liquor Licenses
- Grant cancelation—2023 CDBG senior programs (Denise will discuss)
- Chapter 159 for 2023 Distracted Driving grant; 2023 Clean Communities grant; Lost World Park donation; JIF safety award; Pride event donations
- Approving the June bill list

### **CFO's REPORT**

CFO Moules reported the monthly reports were distributed. Everything is in the black and there are no concerns at this point. Interest is trending as expected and we are making more on interest as rates have increased. We were notified that CDBG funds not expended from the 2021-22 grant can no longer be utilized. We have a balance of \$5000.00 that needs to be cancelled which is the reason for the resolution

### **ACTION ITEMS—RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL BY CONSENT AGENDA**

The Clerk read the following:

6-2023-68      Authorizing Submission and Execution of a Strategic Plan and Application for Municipal Drug Alliance Funding

6-2023-69      Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the NJDOT LTPF for Roadway Improvements to Davis Road from Courtney Drive to Shreve Avenue

On a motion by Councilman Cerrito, second by Councilman Drumm, the consent agenda was approved with the following poll vote: Drumm-yes; Beach-yes; Cerrito-yes; Robenolt-yes.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilman Cerrito—we had the grand opening of the community garden this past weekend. It was great to see everything come together. Thanks to Public Works, the Green Team and our donors for

making this possible. We will be recognizing graduating students who are entering the military at the council meeting. He thanked Kristin for coming out and expressing her concerns and he hopes to work with the Green Team on implementing some of these things as well as including in our own plans.

Mayor Harris—apologized for not being able to attend the opening of the garden but she was in Florida visiting their daughter. Good luck to the Lady Garnets at the state championship this Saturday. There is a health department alert right now because of the air quality from the Canada fires. Stay inside if you can. Lt. Pawling will let us know what tomorrow brings. There is a Pride event at Chuck Lager immediately after this meeting that should be a fun night.

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

On a motion by Councilman Beach, second by Councilman Drumm, the meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.

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