

## **BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES** **WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023, 6:00PM, MAYOR/COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Council President Hanson 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 and Councilman Robenolt. Councilman Ludwig was absent with prior notice as was Mayor Harris. Also present were Secretary Eileen Holcombe and Solicitor Tim Higgins. Engineer Greg Evans was not present.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Greg Evans was not present and the Clerk announced there were no action items on their report.

### **First Public Portion**

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

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

Amendment to Runnemede EMS Agreement—Clerk Shannon asked Kate Bowen to explain the change. Kate explained that we will now be covering all three towns 24/7. Clerk Shannon added as we just did an amendment to the Runnemede agreement, we have to amend the agreement again to now provide for 24/7 coverage. Resolution will be on the council agenda.

Tree removal/replacement ordinance—this ordinance was reviewed by the Green Team and the permit process for removal of a tree was approved. They agree that no fee should be charged but this would give us a better understanding of what trees are being removed and the replacement component will ensure that trees are being replaced so there is no net loss. After some discussion, the governing body agreed that because anyone who removes a tree now will have to replace that tree or give us funds to put a tree somewhere else, they do not want to charge a permit fee.

Resolution to allow open containers at Harvest Festival—Councilman Hanson has requested that the resolution allowing open containers at the Harvest Fest be included on the July council agenda. Resolution will be on the council agenda.

### **Council agenda review**

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

- Ord. 1174      Tree-removal-replacement ordinance
- Ord. 1175      Privately-owned salt storage ordinance
- Ord. 1176      Flood damage prevention ordinance

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

- Resolution to amend Runnemede agreement for EMS services
- Resolution allowing open containers during Harvest Festival
- Resolution rescinding prior resolution 6-2023-70 (cancelling CDBG grant balance)
- Renewal for Chapter 159 for grant received (PSE&G Sustainable Jersey grant-\$2500)

Clerk Shannon added that Janice and Dennis Bantle have generously donated a \$2100 hard-top gazebo to the Community Garden. We would like to do a proclamation to the council agenda to recognize them for this. The governing body agreed.

### **CFO's REPORT**

CFO Moules was not present but her monthly reports were submitted. All budget accounts are trending well. If you have any questions, contact Denise directly.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilman Cerrito—great job by Brittany Beyer from the Green Team for getting the grant for the PSE&G/Sustainable Jersey grant. Great job to all for the July 4 parade—it was a great event.

Councilman Drumm—great job on the parade and the fireworks. Police, Public Works and Jim Arpino who was out there all day for the fireworks show.

Councilman Beach—great job to Police, Fire and Public Works for the July 4 parade. Everyone was ready for the storm that hit on the 4<sup>th</sup>—we did not get hit as hard as other towns but we did get a lot of water in a short period of time but it receded quickly. All the work we have done in the last few years has worked. The senior bus is now fixed and will start running again on July 25. Reach out to Eileen with any questions.

Councilman Hanson—Mayor Harris wants to thank everyone for their work on the parade and fireworks. She also heard from a resident on Erie Avenue who reported that the water on Erie receded very quickly because of the work that has been done by Public Works. The Mayor, Councilman Beach and I were on an email chain with the mayors from Haddonfield and Haddon Heights lending our support any way we can. Public Works will be assisting the towns. The Tavistock side of town is having work done by NJAW but they are only giving two day notice to the residents. The information is on the website. I want to thank Police Fire and DPW for their work on the July 4 festivities and the storm. National Night Out is the first Tuesday in August so caucus will be on Wednesday.

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

On a motion by Councilman Beach, second by Councilman Drumm, the meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

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