

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
TUESSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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, and Councilman Hanson. Councilman Beach was absent with prior notice. Councilmen Ludwig and Robenolt were absent. Also present were Secretary Eileen Holcombe and Solicitor Tim Higgins. Engineer Greg Evans was not present.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Greg Evans reported on the following:

FY 2024 Safe Routes to Schols—there is a mandatory pre-application meeting that has to be attended online before the end of this month. If you want to submit an application in October, you have to attend this meeting. Representatives from the borough and the school district need to attend.

Runnemedede sanitary sewer project—they did award a contract and we expect them to commence with the work this fall. We will confirm that so Barrington residents can be notified. We will also schedule a Teams or Zoom meeting.

Bids for the police department renovations are due October 3. We will review and report back to the governing body for the October 10 council meeting.

First Public Portion

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

Administration—Clerk Shannon reported on the following

Public hearing on tree removal/replacement ordinance—this ordinance was re-introduced last month with the updated DEP language and is ready for public hearing and adoption.

2024 JIF renewal—all of the renewal documents for our commercial insurance coverage have been submitted. This year, the JIF is requiring mandatory training for all managers and supervisors. This information has been disseminated to all department heads and they are to notify me when they have completed the training. There is separate training for police command staff.

Shredding event—we have a shredding event set-up for November 18 and are in the process of setting up a rabies clinic for November as well.

Council agenda review

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

Ord. 1174 Tree-removal-replacement ordinance

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

- Resolution for Chapter 159 for grants received (Denise)
- Resolution to renew membership in the SNJREBF (the HIF)
- September bill list

CFO's REPORT

CFO Moules reported the financial reports were distributed. There are no issues right now with the budget and everything is in the black. The breakdown of anticipated revenues is also provided and there are no issues there either. The two grants received were the Camden County Open Space grant for Lost World Park and the CDBG grant for senior programs.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Hanson—Brews, Beats and Eats is this Saturday. Next event is not until the Harvest Fest on October 14. Thank you to Police, Fire, EMS and DPW for all the events they helped with during the summer.

Mayor Harris—thanks to Kyle and the Civic Association for all the events they hosted. National Night Out was a great event and Summer Nights looked like a lot of fun. A dear friend lost her son to suicide. If you know anyone who is having any problems, you need to discuss it. Haddon Heights in the last three years has had three teen suicides. Be diligent and talk to your kids. It is devastating to the family and friends. We want to do whatever we can to prevent this from happening again. Regarding the tree ordinance, hopefully the Retrospect will do a nice story stressing this was mandated by DEP and was not from us. There will be no fee for our permits. Remember, kids start school tomorrow so please slow down and drive carefully.

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

On a motion by Councilman Hanson, second by Councilman Drumm, the meeting adjourned at 6:19pm with all in favor.

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