

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024, 6:00PM, MAYOR/COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor 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 Borough Clerk called roll and the following were present: Councilman President Beach, Councilman Cerrito, Councilwoman Mercado-Miller and Councilman Robenolt. Councilman Cerrito was absent with prior notice; Councilman Ludwig was absent. Also present were Secretary Eileen Holcombe, Solicitor Tim Higgins, and Clerk Terry Shannon.

Engineer's report

Greg Evans was not present so Mayor Hanson provided a recap of their report as follows: they submitted voucher No. 2 and change order No. 1 for the Austiin Avenue project and they will start paving in two weeks. NJDOT FY 2025 project needs to be determined and he will discuss with Mike Ciocco and Councilman Beach. They held the pre-construction meeting on the police renovations on May 2 and construction will begin in June. Any question, follow-up with Greg.

Public Portion

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

Administration—Clerk Shannon reported on the following

Shared Service Agreement with Camden County for street sweeping—we received a shared service agreement from Camden County for us to sweep the following streets: Clements Bridge, Chews Landing, Third Ave, Browning Rd, Gloucester Pike, Hutchinson Ave, Copley Rd, and Warwick Rd. The County will reimburse us to a maximum of \$50 per hour and submission of notice and paperwork. Mike Ciocco spoke to the County and they said the agreement is not binding so if we cannot do it, then we cannot do it. Tim will review the language to make sure it is not binding.

Elimination of one-way traffic on Lawrence—we will be adopting the ordinance to eliminate the one-way on Sunday on Lawrence Avenue. Public Works will be removing the signs after the ordinance is adopted and notice has run.

Town Wide Yard Sale—the sale was very successful and 42 homes participated. \$420 was raised for the Green Team.

Cyber Security Training—you have all been notified that you must complete the cyber security training. This is mandatory training and applies to all individuals who have a borough email address. The deadline to complete this training is June 30.

Green Team grant received—through the excellent work of Brittany Beyer, chairperson of the Green Team, we were awarded a grant in the amount of \$10,000 through the Sustainable Jersey/PSEG partnership. There are several projects that the Green Team plans to undertake this year and these funds will be used for these projects and to help us secure Sustainable Jersey certification.

Brittany was present and reported that they requested the grant award be kept under wraps until the public announcement.

Moving of Voting Districts 2 and 5—districts 2 and 5, formerly located at Avon School, will no longer be located at the school. Those two districts will now vote here at borough hall, in the recreation center.

This will begin with the June 4 primary. Now, 80% of the town will vote here at borough hall. District 4 will remain at the VFW.

Council agenda review

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

- Ord. 1183—Amending Chapter 127, Weddings and Civil Union Ceremonies Fees
- Ord. 1184—Repealing and Replacing the Tree Removal Ordinance
- Ord. 1185—Repealing and Replacing the Privately-owned Salt Storage Ordinance
- Ord. 1186—Introducing the Borough Code Adoption Ordinance
- Ord. 1187—Amending the Zoning Code Pertaining to Political Signs
- Ord. 1188—Amending Chapter 120, Parking on Lawrence Ave

Resolutions for approval by consent agenda: *preliminary—more may be added*

- Change Order for Austin Avenue project
- Authorizing a shared service agreement with Camden County regarding street sweeping
- Authorizing the 2024 Budget to be Read by Title at the Time of the Public Hearing
- Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Grant Funds
- Chapter 159 Resolution for Grants Received
- Resolution to hire a muralist on a temporary basis for a specific project
- Resolution allowing open containers during the Harvest Festival
- Resolution to sell the metal detector on GovDeals
- Resolution for a fair and open process to select special redevelopment counsel
- Approving the May bill list

Public hearing on the 2024 Municipal Budget; Resolution to adopt the 2024 Municipal Budget

Finance

CFO Moules reported the standard monthly reports were distributed. Expenditures show some negative balances and will be cleared up after the budget is adopted. We will be cancelling a grant balance for DWI checkpoints because not all of the funds were needed and we will be approving a Chapter 159 for two grants received.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilwoman President Beach—Public Works will be working with the Green Team and the Girl Scouts to install the rain gardens. There are two memory plaques that will need to be replaced. Hopefully the rain gardens will help with flooding.

Councilwoman Mercado-Miller—Ice Cream Social for seniors was successful. Watch Facebook for ongoing senior events. Thanks to the Mayor for signing the pledge for healthy towns as part of the Mayors Wellness Campaign. We hope to apply for grants related to this initiative next year. Shout out to police and EMS for being out and about and increasing community engagement.

Chief Minardi reported that Dan Hovern and our dog will be graduating from the canine training at the end of May so we should be able to introduce the canine at the June council meeting.

Mayor Hanson—police have announced their kiddie police academy for this summer. Thanks to the Green Team and everyone involved in the Earth Day clean-up. Barrington Day was another rainout event. Memorial Day service will be held on Memorial Day and we are finalizing that program.

Seeing no further business to be discussed, on a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Cerrito, the meeting adjourned at 6:35pm with all in favor.

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