

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 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 Deputy Borough Clerk called roll and the following were present: Council President Beach, Councilman Cerrito, Councilman Drumm and Councilman Robenolt (arrived at 6:07). Councilman Ludwig was absent and Councilwoman Mercado-Miller was absent with prior notice. Also present were Secretary Eileen Holcombe, Solicitor Tim Higgins, and Deputy Clerk/CFO Denise Moules. Clerk Shannon was also absent with prior notice.

Engineer's report

Greg Evans reported on the following action items: resolution for NJDOT Municipal Aid for Devon Road from Hutchinson to Tavistock Blvd. (this road is very wide and project will include an island to remove some impervious surface); and introduction of the revised stormwater control ordinance in compliance with DEP requirements. We will also be submitting two vouchers—one for Northeast Mechanical and one for JH Williams. The contractor is commencing with the paving on Austin Avenue on June 10 weather permitting and should be completed in two weeks.

Public Portion

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

Administration—Deputy Clerk Moules reported on the following

New Borough Code books—now that we have adopted the new Borough Code, the books have been assembled and distributed. There are additional copies in the bookcase in the mayor/council office. The online code on our website has also been updated. We have a new service with General Code so that every time we adopt an ordinance, I will email it to them and they will automatically update the e-code so it will always be updated in real time.

Cyber Security Training—final reminder that Cyber Security training needs to be done by June 30. This applies to everyone who has a borough email address. If you cannot locate the email with how to access this training, please let me know.

Renewal of liquor licenses—all liquor licenses expire on June 30. I have received renewals from all but Ordell but am expecting theirs soon. All licensees have tax clearance and will be renewed by resolution at the council meeting.

RFQ for redevelopment counsel—public notice running this week and submittals are due in by 11am on June 28, 2024. Appointment can be done at next council meeting thereafter.

Fireworks update—all insurance documentation has been received from new vendor and request to use property behind Woodland has been submitted to school administration.

Tree Removal and Protection ordinance—this was tabled last month because an issue was raised regarding it not matching the model ordinance provided by NJDEP. It has been confirmed that it is not a requirement that municipal ordinances match the model. This was the issue raised by many municipalities because the DEP model ordinance was deemed too harsh. NJDEP relaxed the requirements and so long as we have a removal and replacement component to our ordinance, we meet the requirement. Our ordinance does include this so we can move forward with adoption.

Council agenda review

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

Ord. 1184—Repealing and Replacing the Tree Removal Ordinance

Ordinance for introduction on first reading:

Ord. 1189—New Stormwater Control Ordinance (Tim to provide ordinance language)

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

- Resolution authorizing submission of a NJDOT application for Municipal Aid
- Authorizing renewal of liquor license for the 2024-25 term
- Chapter 159 resolution for grants received
- Approving the June bill list

Finance

CFO Moules reported the standard monthly reports were distributed. We are trending fine with the revenues. The auditors have completed their work and are waiting on a few items and we can then schedule the review with the finance committee.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilwoman President Beach—equipment for the Tot Lot was installed and it looks good.

Mayor Hanson—reported for Councilwoman Mercado-Miller that senior services moved their June meeting to accommodate the Board of Health meeting and they are working on their program for next year. There is a luncheon with Public Works on June 13; Mayor's Wellness Campaign is in the discussion phase. She is attending a webinar in July about marketing. The next Board of Health meeting is June 20 and there will be a presentation on environmentally friendly mosquito control. He then reported he wanted to thank Public Works for installing the Tot Lot equipment. The mural project is almost finished and looks good. On the police side, we are looking to promote our lieutenant to captain at the next meeting. Lastly, I spoke with Denise about the capital program and one of the ideas we came up with to generate revenue is to sell the Fire Alliance building. Jim Arpino said he would like to move to the firehouse. Mike Ciocco and Chris Mecca reviewed and with minimal renovations for offices, that could be done and will be looked into further.

Seeing no additional business to be discussed, on a motion by Councilman Drumm, second by Council President Beach, the meeting adjourned at 6:11pm with all in favor.

Approved: Terry Shannon
Terry Shannon, Clerk/RMC