

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 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, Councilman Ludwig and Councilman Robenolt. 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 approving a shared service agreement with Camden County regarding the solar powered pedestrian signs on Clements Bridge Road and Third Avenue; adoption of the stormwater control ordinance; voucher No. 3 and change order No. 2 for the Austin Avenue project; voucher No. 2 for the police renovation project. The new hearing system at the senior center was completed with leftover CDBG funds and we have submitted for reimbursement. Regarding the 4th Avenue pump station, DPW completed the test pits and we revised the plans. We anticipate receiving bids in last August for the September meeting.

Public Portion

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

Administration—Deputy Clerk Moules reported on the following

Renewal of liquor license—Ordell, LLC, has finally received their Special Ruling for the pocket license so we can go ahead and renew their license. Resolution will be on the council meeting agenda.

RFQ's for redevelopment counsel—three proposals were received. Submissions are available for your review.

Fireworks update—all paperwork has been finalized and we received the facility use approval from the Board of Education. Now we just hope the new vendor provides a great show!

Tree Removal and Protection ordinance—this ordinance becomes effective July 1 and the permit application has been developed (attached). The ordinance is being sent to all South Jersey tree contractors.

Resolution to purchase two used EMS vehicles from the Borough of Runnemede—as we are now providing EMS services to Runnemede through the shared service agreement, Runnemede no longer has a need for their two ambulances and Chief Bowen has successfully negotiated a purchase price of \$25,284.00 for these two vehicles. The purchase price will be covered by two months of the contract payments that would have been received from Runnemede. Runnemede's resolution authorizing the sale is attached for your review. Our resolution to purchase will be on the council meeting agenda.

Council agenda review

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

Ord. 1186—Amending Article IX in Chapter 296, Requirements and Controls for Major Developments, in the Code of the Borough of Barrington (stormwater control requirements)

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

- Authorizing renewal of Ordell liquor license for the 2024-25 term
- Resolution authorizing purchase of two ambulances from Runnemedede
- Resolution authorizing SSA with Camden County relative to solar pedestrian signs
- Revision to cash management program (Denise will discuss)
- Approving the July bill list
- Shared service agreement with Merchantville for CFO and Tax Collector

Finance

CFO Moules reported the standard monthly reports were distributed. There are no concerns with anticipated revenues. We had the audit review and there were no findings—just a couple of discussion items. In addition to the revisions to the cash management plan for ACH and wire payments, we will also be setting up positive pay with the bank to help minimize the chance of check washing.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Drumm—wished everyone a happy and safe 4th.

Council President Beach—also wished everyone a happy and safe 4th of July.

Councilwoman Mercado-Miller—also wished everyone a happy and safe 4th; Board of Health met last week and we are looking for new members. Anyone interested, please let me know. We are planning a sub-committee to focus on the Mayor's Wellness Campaign. We are planning a wellness week for 2025. We are in early discussion with Public Works to re-mark the old Boy Scouts walking trails and marking the track around Deerr Field.

Councilman Cerrito—wished everyone a happy July 4th. Looking forward to the fireworks but to the community, please be careful with fireworks.

Councilman Ludwig—wished everyone a happy 4th.

Councilman Robenolt—everyone enjoy the holiday and be safe.

Mayor Hanson—we will be appointing redevelopment counsel this month. Anyone who wants to review the submissions, let me know. His suggestion is to go with Parker McCay. He thanked Bob Marrone from Bowman for his service to the borough on his retirement. Parade and festivities are tomorrow starting at 6pm. There will be no one allowed at Woodland School as in prior years. There are plenty of places in town for viewing. Also, Summer Rec is off to a great start.

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

Approved: Terry Shannon
Terry Shannon, Clerk/RMC