

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
November 12, 2024, 6:00PM
COUNCIL ROOM AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

A regular monthly Council Meeting of the Borough of Barrington was held with Mayor Hanson presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order with the following statement: "This meeting is held in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and appropriate notice has been given. Notice of the meeting was filed with the Retrospect and Courier Post and is also posted in the main office of the Borough Clerk where notices are primarily kept. He then led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The Municipal Clerk called roll of Council with the following in attendance: Council President Beach, Councilman Cerrito, Councilman Drumm and Councilman Robenolt. Councilman Ludwig and Councilwoman Mercado-Miller were absent with prior notice. Mayor Hanson, Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon, and Solicitor Kevin Dochney (sat in for Timothy Higgins).

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATION

Mayor Hanson announced that the following proclamations were issued and are posted on the borough bulletin board: Recognizing Veterans Day and International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day. Chief Minardi presented Life Saving Awards to Sgt. Mulhern, Cpl. Jankowski and Ptl. Charlton for their handling of the hostage incident at the Shop Rite in Lawnside.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Hanson reported that Council was provided with the minutes of the October 1, 2024, caucus, and the October 8, 2024, council meetings and asked if there were any corrections. or abstentions. Councilman Drumm abstained for the council meeting minutes of October 8. On a motion by Beach, second by Cerrito the minutes were approved with all in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Hanson reported that the monthly departmental reports were distributed to the governing body, are posted outside of council chambers, and posted on the borough website. If there are no questions on the reports, I will entertain a motion to accept monthly reports.

On a motion by Cerrito second by Drumm, the monthly departmental reports were accepted with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm-yes, Robenolt-yes.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

Ord. 1194 Ordinance of the Borough of Barrington Amending Article I., Tax Abatements for Commercial and Industrial Structures, in Chapter 313, Taxation, in the Borough Code

Ord. 1195 Ordinance of the Borough of Barrington Adopting the 2024 Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Plan Update for Phases I, II and III in the Borough of Barrington (2024 Redevelopment Plan Update) as it Relates to the Project Area Identified in the 2001 Phases I and II Redevelopment Plan and the 2003 Phase III Redevelopment Plan, as Amended, within the Borough of Barrington

Ord. 1196 Ordinance of the Borough of Barrington Authorizing the Execution of the First Amendment to the Agreement for Payment in Lieu of Taxes Between Senior Housing of Barrington Partners, L.P. and the Borough of Barrington, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 55:14K-1 Et. Seq.

On a motion by Drumm, second by Robenolt, the first reading of the ordinances was approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm–yes, Robenolt-yes.

These ordinances, along with Ord. 1193 introduced October 8, 2024, will be considered for adoption following proper notice and a public hearing to be held during the December 10, 2024, council meeting.

RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA

The Clerk read the following resolutions to be approved by consent agenda:

- 11-2024-128 Implementing a Fair and Open Process for the Selection of Various Professional Service Providers for the Borough of Barrington for Calendar Year 2025
- 11-2024-129 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Expense for Grants Received
- 11-2024-130 Requesting Approval from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to Establish a Dedicated Trust by Rider for Lead Hazard Control Assistance Fund Required by N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.16(H)
- 11-2024-131 Approving Change Order No. 5-Final, for the Austiin Avenue Project
- 11-2024-132 Resolution to Waive the Late Fee for Pet Licensing
- 11-2024-133 Resolution to Authorizing a Contract with M.S.P. Construction Corp. for the Sanitary Sewer Extension Work to be Completed for Barrington in Conjunction with the Runnemede Sanitary Sewer Extension Project on Davis Road
- 11-2024-134 Approving the November Bill List in the Total Amount of: \$5,285,623.84

On a motion by Drumm, second by Beach, the resolution consent agenda was approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Cerrito-yes, Drumm–yes, Robenolt-yes.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Hanson advised that if you have comments or questions, please come forward and state your name for the record. Public comment is limited to five minutes per person. On a motion by Drumm, second by Cerrito, the public portion of the meeting was opened.

Bernie Bryson – requesting an update from last month’s meeting on his complaint of encroachment of a neighboring fence on his property. Mayor Hanson advised that Councilman Ludwig said he would check into this and the complaint about the inspector being disrespectful to Mr. Bryson. Since he is not here tonight, the Mayor advised that a discussion about the inspector would be a personnel issue and will not be discussed in public. The Mayor will contact Councilman Ludwig for an update and either the Councilman or the Mayor will call Mr. Bryson with and update this week. Mr. Bryson would like to know the outcome verbally or in writing.

Seeing no further comments from the public, on a motion by Drumm, second by Robenolt, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

COUNCILMAN CERRITO – to Chief Minardi and Captain Pawling, what a great job by our officers, and putting themselves in harms’ way like that-- this is a direct reflection of your leadership; proud to feel safe. Thank you!

COUNCILMAN ROBENOLT – congratulations to you and all the officers involved. Kudos to all.

COUNCILMAN DRUMM – thanks to all veterans, past, present, and current for your service and all the great things you do for our country, we appreciate you. Thanks to all the officers involved, great job and I am proud of you. Again, to the Chief and Captain, this is a direct reflection of you and your leadership. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BEACH – thanks to all veterans, they are true heroes in our country, thank you all. Police do a great job, always helping someone out. We hear from other towns how top notch our police are, they are top rated. Thank you! Happy Thanksgiving to all, be safe in your travels and enjoy the holiday.

MAYOR HANSON – advised that the situation the officers were awarded for was on Harvest Festival and after working a long day, probably the busiest day of the year for us public safety wise, they went above and beyond. This is a true testament to our department and its leadership., thank you all. Thanks to all the departments involved on Harvest Festival Day, EMS, Fire, Police, DPW and Fire Alliance. It took a village; it was a successful event. Thanks also to Mindy Berwick, our Harvest Festival coordinator. Halloween was a success with no issues, again thanks to our Public Safety Departments. Friday, November 29 will be our annual Tree Lighting and Fire Parade. Tree Lighting at 6:45pm and Parade of Lights to follow along our normal parade route. Our next holiday event is the Holly Jolly Trolley hosted by the Civic Association on December 15 at Woodland School.

Seeing no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Beach, second by Drumm, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm.

APPROVED: Terry Shannon
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk