

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 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 the roll of council, and the following were present: Councilman Cerrito, Councilman Ludwig and Councilman Robenolt. Councilwoman Mercado-Miller, Council President Beach and Councilman Drumm were absent with prior notice. Also present were Secretary Eileen Holcombe, Solicitor Tim Higgins, Engineer Greg Evans CFO Denise Moules and Clerk Terry Shannon.

Engineer's report

Greg Evans reported on the following action items: Resolution to award contracts for Lost World Park playground installation to Think Pavers and General Recreation; Voucher No. 7 for Police Renovations; Vouchers for LED light installations at the Wish Upon a Star playground which will close out the CCOS grant. We will also be submitting approval to release the performance bond for Chipotle.

DOT announced that you received \$220,419 in FY2025 Municipal Aid for Devon Road improvements.

Fourth Avenue pump station replacement—we held the pre-construction meeting. They will be starting after the new year. Project will take six to eight months.

Thank you for allowing us to serve the borough and we look forward to continuing in 2025. We wish you happy holidays and a safe and happy new year.

Public Portion

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Beach, the first public portion was opened.

Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Robenolt, the public portion was closed.

Administration

Clerk Shannon reported on the following:

Resolution setting dates for January meetings will be on council agenda. Reorg will be Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 6:00pm and caucus will follow. The January council meeting will be January 14 at 6:00pm.

Resolution rescinding prior approvals for cannabis locations—we previously issued two approvals for cannabis businesses and neither has taken any steps towards opening a business. We are often being asked if any are available and have had to turn them down. We notified each business that if action was not taken by the end of November, their approvals would be rescinded. Neither has responded so resolutions rescinding the prior approvals will be on the agenda and will be sent to the CRC.

Fair and Open process for selection of professionals—RFQ's are due December 17. Copies of the proposals submitted will be on the table in the mayor/council office for your review. These appointments will be approved by resolution at the Reorg meeting.

Autumn Lake Winery applying for license to market at Berri Caffeinated—we received notification that this winery has applied for a license to sell wine at Berri Caffeinated. This is a license issued directly by

the state. They will be permitted to conduct tastings and to sell wine. They will be subject to our ordinance as it relates to hours of operation.

Resolutions to participate with Camden County contracts—the County has renewed their contract with Deer Carcass Removal Service and we can participate by passing a resolution. The cost for removal of a deer carcass is only \$65 per carcass. The County has also entered into a contract with Morton Salt for sodium chloride and liquid enhanced sodium chloride. We can also participate in this contract by passing a resolution. Resolutions will be on the council agenda.

Clerk's review of council agenda:

Public hearing and adoption of the following ordinances:

- Ord. 1193 Ordinance of the Borough of Barrington, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, Amending Article III, Commercial Districts, in Chapter 360, Zoning
- 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.

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

- Resolution setting dates for January meetings
- Resolution(s) rescinding prior approvals for cannabis businesses
- Resolution to award installation of playground equipment at Lost World Park
- Resolution to award installation of rubber surface at Lost World Park
- Resolution authorizing purchases from state contract vendors
- Resolution to cancel petty cash account no longer being used
- Resolution for budget transfers
- Resolution to participate in the county contract for deer carcass removal
- Resolution to participate in the county contract for sodium chloride and liquid enhanced sodium
- Resolution to authorize release of performance bond posted for Chipotle Restaurant
- Resolution authorizing new shared service agreement for Regional Fire Alliance
- Approving the December bill list

Finance

CFO Moules presented the monthly reports showing bank balances and expenditures. Everything is in the black except for finance—payments for the shared service with Merchantville will be coming. There will be a resolution for budget transfers on the agenda and she reviewed the budget lines that are having funds transferred. Revenues are on track except for court fines but we have excess in other lines so there is not an overall shortfall. There will also be a resolution to remove an old, inactive petty cash fund which has been finally resolved on the DCA website.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Cerrito—parade was great but chilly. Thank you to everyone who put that together. Tree is beautiful. Congratulations to Alex on your election.

Mayor Hanson thanked the Public Safety and Public Works departments for their work on the tree lighting and the parade. Holly Jolly Trolley is Sunday, the 15th at Woodland School-this is a free event for families hosted by the Civic Association. Congratulations to the Green Team on receiving the Rookie of the Year award from Sustainable Jersey.

Seeing no additional business to be discussed, on a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilman Robenolt, the meeting adjourned at 6:17pm with all in favor.

Approved: Terry Shannon
Terry Shannon, Clerk/RMC