

## **BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES**

### **TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025, 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 the roll of council, and the following were present: Councilman Cerrito, Councilwoman Mercado-Miller, Councilman Drumm and Councilman Robenolt. Councilman Beach and Councilman Beyer were both absent with prior notice. Also present were Secretary Eileen Holcombe, Solicitor Tim Higgins, Engineer Greg Evans, and CFO/Deputy Clerk Denise Moules.

#### **Engineer's report**

Greg Evans reported we will have a recommendation regarding the bids received for Second Avenue and Bell Avenue. Bids were received today and there were seven in total. We will review the scope of work and make a recommendation.

- DOT FY2026 applications are due July 1. We will get together and make a recommendation as to what project to submit for.
- Lost World Park—mulch has been reviewed and underdrain system has been installed. Final grading will be done this week and hopefully next week will start installing the equipment and the rubber surface.
- Parking lot signage—we met and will update sign location plan accordingly. We are waiting for a proposal from a sign vendor.
- Runnemede Sewer Project and Davis—Runnemede portion is done and asphalt has been done on driveways. We are coordinating the rest of the asphalt work with Runnemede.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Force Main—project will start in two weeks. We will make all notifications.

Councilwoman Mercado-Miller asked about any plans for the parking situation and Mayor Hanson responded we will be installing more signage, meeting with local businesses and churches to see if we can partner with them for use of the lots and we are paving more parking spots along Barrington Avenue.

#### **Public Portion**

On a motion by Councilman Drumm second by Councilwoman Mercado-Miller, the first public portion was opened.

Present was Dawn Tilton to discuss Barrington Mews. Councilwoman Mercado-Miller said there are really no updates at this point—we have exhausted all our resources. We are still in contact with the county and we do know South Jersey Legal has officially filed a complaint against Axial Partners. Tilton asked that the governing body consider revoking the easement they have for their sign which is on borough property. She also asked that the governing body consider adopting a rent cap ordinance. There currently is no protection for renters, particularly seniors and low-income renters.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Drumm, second by Cerrito, the public portion was closed.

#### **Administration**

Deputy Clerk Moules reported on the following:

Proposal received for purchase of 219 Clements Bridge Road—one proposal was submitted and has been distributed for your review. If everyone is in agreement to accept this offer, resolution authorizing sale of property will be on the council agenda.

Amendment to Zoning Ordinance—it came up at the last PZC meeting that we need to update our zoning ordinance to be consistent with the new master plan. Jeff Hanson has submitted the language changes to Tim so the amending ordinance can be prepared. Tim indicated he is working on it and hopes to have it ready for next month.

Cyber Security training—everyone with a borough email address will again have to do cyber security training. We will be sending out emails this week with instructions. Deadline to complete is June 30.

Council agenda structure—the council agenda will have a somewhat different format next week because of the budget public hearing and the bond ordinances that are being introduced. An overview of how it will flow is under the Council Agenda Review.

### **Council agenda review (this will be the order of agenda items)**

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption

Ord. 1207 Amending Chapter 172, Fire Prevention, in the Borough Code (revised)

Ord. 1208 To Amend the Fee Charged for Solar Installations

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

- Resolution to award/reject bids received for Second/Bell Aves project
- Resolution authorizing sale of 219 Clements Bridge Road (if approved)
- Resolution to read the 2025 budget by title at time of public hearing
- Resolution for agreement with Bellmawr for paving
- Resolution authorizing self-examination of the 2025 budget
- Resolution to approve May bill list
  
- Public hearing on 2025 Municipal Budget
- Adoption of the 2025 Municipal Budget
- Resolution for a Chapter 159 to bring a grant into the budget
  
- Introduction of two bond ordinances for capital projects—one is for roads and the other will be self-funded through the capital improvement fund for paving on Barrington Avenue and additional building improvements.

Councilwoman Mercado-Miller asked that the resolution for the sale of 219 Clements Bridge Road be outside the consent agenda. Mayor Hanson invited Julie Goeltz, who was present, to discuss her plans for the building. Goeltz explained she has a health and wellness business currently located in Haddonfield that she wants to relocate to Barrington.

### **Finance**

CFO Moules presented the monthly reports showing account balances for the temporary budget. There are budget lines in the negative but once the budget is adopted and updated, they will be addressed.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Hanson reported we will likely be upstairs next week for the council meeting as the renovations are underway. It is slated to be finished by June. Events—Barrington Day was this past Saturday, Memorial Day service will be Monday at 9am, Pride event will be the first week in June and more information to come.

Seeing no additional business to be discussed, on a motion by Councilman Drumm, second by Councilwoman Mercado-Miller, the meeting adjourned at 6:21pm.

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