

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
August 14, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL ROOM AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

A regular monthly Council Meeting of the Borough of Barrington was held on August 14, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at the Barrington Municipal Building, with Mayor Robert Klaus presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Klaus called the meeting to order and made 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 also in the main office of the Borough Clerk where notices are currently kept. He then led the salute to the flag of our country and thanked all for coming out tonight.

ROLL CALL: The Municipal Clerk called roll of Council and reports the following:

Ludwig	- present	Popiolek	- present
Nicholson	- present	Bergeron	- present
Robenolt	- present	DelVecchio	- present

Also on dais: Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon and Borough Solicitor Timothy Higgins, Esq.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING POLICE CHIEF: Clerk Shannon read the following resolution for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2013-80: RESOLUTION APPOINTING DAVE ROBERTS TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE FOR A SIX (6) MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD BEGINNING AUGUST 14, 2013.

On a Motion by LUDWIG and NICHOLSON the Resolution as read was approved with the following poll vote:

Ludwig	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Nicholson	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Robenolt	- yes	DelVecchio	- yes

RESOLUTION APPROVED

SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE CHIEF: Acting Police Chief Dave Roberts was sworn in as Police Chief by Mayor Robert Klaus and Public Safety Director, Police, Councilman Robert DelVecchio with the Chief's wife, Donna, holding the bible.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Klaus noted that Council was provided with a copy of the printed minutes of the July 9, 2013, council meeting and the May 7, 2013, caucus meeting and asked if there were any corrections. Seeing no corrections, on a Motion by DELVECCHIO and POPIOLEK, the minutes of the July 9, 2013, council meeting and the May 7, 2013, caucus meeting were approved as submitted by all members of Council present.

MOTION IS CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Municipal Clerk read a summary of the July 2013, monthly reports as submitted by Chief Dave Roberts for Police; Chief John Sutch for the Fire Company; Chief Barbara Willson for Ambulance/EMS; Fire Official Stephen DePierri for Regional Fire Alliance; Superintendent Michael J. Ciocco for Department of Public Works; Tax Collector Kristy Emmett for Tax and Sewer Collections; Karen Eckert Court Administrator for Municipal Court.

On a Motion by NICHOLSON and POPIOLEK the monthly reports for July 2013, were approved as submitted by all members of Council present.

MOTION IS CARRIED

Mayor Klaus thanked all department heads for their submissions.

OLD BUSINESS: ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION: The Municipal Clerk stated that the following ordinances are for public hearing and adoption:

ORDINANCE 2013-1006: BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$981,200 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$420,090, MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING.

ORDINANCE NO. 1008: OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 120, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON.

On a Motion by BERGERON and ROBENOLT the second reading of the ordinances was approved with the following poll vote:

Ludwig	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Nicholson	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Robenolt	- yes	DelVecchio	- yes

On a Motion by BERGERON and POPIOLEK the public hearing on the above Ordinances was opened.

Seeing no comments from the public, on a Motion by NICHOLSON and BERGERON the public hearing on the above Ordinances was closed.

On a Motion by DELVECCHIO and NICHOLSON the second reading of the ordinances were approved with the following poll vote:

Ludwig	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Nicholson	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Robenolt	- yes	DelVecchio	- yes

ORDINANCES WERE ADOPTED

NEW BUSINESS: ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING: The Municipal Clerk stated that the following ordinances are for introduction on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1009: APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN LANDS BY THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON FROM VERNON DUCKREY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SAID PURCHASE.

ORDINANCE NO. 1010: APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN LANDS BY THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON FROM 111, LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SAID PURCHASE.

On a Motion by POPIOLEK and BERGERON the Ordinances as read were approved with the following poll vote:

Ludwig	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Nicholson	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Robenolt	- yes	DelVecchio	- yes

ORDINANCES WERE APPROVED

Mayor Klaus announced that the public hearing on the above ordinances will be considered for adoption following a public hearing to be held during the September 10, 2013, council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: RESOLUTIONS The Municipal Clerk advised that she would read the following Resolutions by title, one after another, and Council will have the opportunity to vote as a Consent Agenda at the end of the reading:

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2013-81: TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2013-82: REQUESTING INSERTION OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE IN THE 2013 BUDGET FOR GRANTS RECEIVED.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2013-83: AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$1000 FOR THE POSITION OF "VFW SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER COORDINATOR".

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2013-84: AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH SOCKLER REALTY SERVICES FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES RELATIVE TO THE BARRINGTON BUSINESS CENTER.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2013-85: CANCELLING THE CONTRACT BALANCE REMAINING ON THE CONTRACT WITH LGP CONTRACTING.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2013-86: CERTIFYING A LIEN AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR COSTS INCURRED BY THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE.

RESOLUTION 8-2013-87: AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ROADWAY AND STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO AUSTIN AVENUE, FROM FOURTH AVENUE TO FIFTH AVENUE.

RESOLUTION 8-2013-89: AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO KENT AVENUE FROM HIGHLAND AVENUE TO AVON ROAD.

RESOLUTION 8-2013-90: AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE BELL AVENUE EXTENSION JUGHANDLE ON THE WHITE HORSE PIKE (N.J.S.H. ROUTE 30).

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2013-91: APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BARRINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2013-91: APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST BILL LIST TOTAL OF \$ 2,186,996.02.

On a Motion by BERGERON and DELVECCHIO the Resolutions as read were approved with the following poll vote:

Ludwig	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Nicholson	- yes *	Bergeron	- yes
Robenolt	- yes	DelVecchio	- yes

*Councilwoman Nicholson did advise that she abstained on Resolution 8-2013-83.

RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY:

COUNCILMAN LUDWIG – congratulations Chief Roberts; well-deserved and wish you the best of luck. Good job to DPW for street cleanup after the storms. Thanks to Jack Kaiser for your input and for helping me out with decisions I had to make.

COUNCILWOMAN NICHOLSON – congratulations Dave. Harvest Festival is October 12 from 10am – 4pm; volunteers and vendors are needed. Have good rest of summer.

COUNCILMAN ROBENOLT – Congratulations Dave Roberts, I know you will do an outstanding job! Everyone have a good summer.

COUNCILMAN DELVECCHIO – congratulations Dave; Chief. Well deserved, and I look forward to working with you. Thanks to all for coming out; have a nice rest of the summer.

COUNCILWOMAN BERGERON – congratulations Dave, I'm looking forward to working with you, it is well deserved. Congratulations to Patti, a wonderful job with summer rec program, it was the best so far. With reference to having kindergarten aged kids, Patti was right and I was wrong, great job! The TNR program (trap/neuter/release for cats) is looking for more volunteers. We will trap the cats, spay or neuter them and put them in a designated area. We will receive more information on the program at our meeting tomorrow night at 6:30 pm. I will give another report at the September Council meeting.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT POPIOLEK – welcome all. I give my heartfelt condolences to Shawn Ludwig on the loss of his uncle and to Mayor Klaus on the loss of his mother-in-law; my thoughts and prayers are with you both. New day in Barrington with a new Chief, I'm excited to be part of it. I wish Dave Roberts and successful career as chief. He has had a successful career in law enforcement already and brings a diverse background and brings a lot of good ideas. On September 5 Walt Uron will celebrate his 100th birthday. Walt was a volunteer Police Chief, maybe Dave and Walt can talk about this, being a volunteer is more fulfilling! There is a meeting with New Jersey DOT tomorrow at 10 am for the White Horse Pike Redevelopment to get all of our approvals. It's been a long time trying to get these permits; wish us luck, this is an uphill battle. Enjoy the rest of your summer. See you next month.

MAYOR KLAUS – thanks for your sentiments on the loss of my mother-in-law, they are appreciated. Congratulations and good luck to Dave Roberts. We look forward to you taking over the reins and making it your own. Summer Rec was a great success; it's always good to have a place for the kids to go. Thanks to Police and DPW for their work during the storms, great job. ABLE Group gave food out on July 20th and 55 persons were given food. We need to replenish our food stock so donate gift certificates or canned goods if you can. Thanks for coming out tonight, enjoy the rest of your summer.

PUBLIC PORTION: Mayor Klaus advised that if you have comments or questions to come forward and State your name and address for the record. Public comment is limited to five minutes per person.

On a motion by LUDWIG and NICHOLSON the public portion of the meeting was opened.

LEN KEENAN, 124 Albany Ave., what is the situation for traffic light on Commerce Dr? Council President Popiolek responded there are some challenges are with the conduits that need to be resolved. Greg Evans, Borough Engineer, said Conrail needs to install their equipment; it is expected to happen next month.

JACK KAISER, 529 5th Ave., thanked Mayor & Council for making the proper decision to have our own Police Chief. Shared services may be the way to go in the future but we are not there yet. You made the right decision and I appreciate what you did. Good luck Dave!

PAUL GROSS, Tavistock Blvd., wished Barrington would consider the feasibility to combine with Colonial Alliance for police services; maybe the new Chief will consider this. Also, residents must be aware of what is going on in the neighborhoods so please have the police report the activity in the newspapers; it would be a good positive thing for the residents. Do we provide EMT services to Haddon Heights? Our EMT budget is significant. Mr. Gross was advised by the Mayor that yes, we do pick up residents from Haddon Heights and they are billed and the ambulance squad receives the insurance payment. Chief Roberts said that in next Retrospect Barrington police will put whatever they can legally; similar to what others towns put in. Mayor said as far as the Alliance, we tried before to do what the Alliance is doing, it didn't work out at the time. We don't want to put out money for the survey, we have done this before. Haddon Heights has already dropped out of the Colonial Alliance. Councilman Ludwig said we took a lot of time considering the chief position. There is a value to having someone of Dave's stature to take this position and his leadership has wowed this entire council, please look at and respect the talent this man has. Mr. Gross said home rule will bankrupt every town in this state. Mr. Gross would like Barrington to be part of more shared services. Mayor Klaus advised that Barrington has more shared service agreements than any other town and other towns should look to us and follow our lead! Mr. Gross was pleased to know that. Councilman DelVecchio added that he spoke with Chief Roberts about putting information in the Retrospect. With decision for hiring of the new Chief, and as Director of Public Safety along with the Public Safety Committee of Councilman Ludwig and Robenolt, we had three ideas and this was the determination. We are proud of our decision; Dave is a great officer and he will be a great Chief. Mr. Gross is not questioning the decision but asking about the feasibility of being part of the alliance. Councilman DelVecchio said towns are dropping out the alliance. Contact the Councilman with any questions.

DIANE SHREIER, 212 Nassau Dr, spoke about how important it is that the public be aware of what is going on in the neighborhoods and looks forward to information in the Retrospect. She asked again about the minutes being on line from council and caucus meetings. Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon advised that anything that has been approved by council is now on the website, everything is up to date that can be put on the website at this time. They are not publically posted until they have been approved.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by NICHOLSON and DELVECCHIO the public portion of the meeting was closed.

With no further business to be transacted, on a motion by NICHOLSON and BERGERON the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

ATTEST: *Terry Shannon*
Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk