

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 11, 2008, at 8:00 P.M.**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular monthly Council Meeting of the Borough of Barrington was held on March 11, 2008, at 8:00 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Building with Mayor Rink presiding.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Rink 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 filed with the Retrospect and Courier Post and also in the main office of the Borough Clerk where notices are currently kept.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Rink led the audience in saluting the flag of our country.

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

Klaus	- present	Popiolek	- present
Dinella	- present	Bergeron	- present
Vincent	- present	Cowling	- present

Also on the dais: Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk; Paul Gilligan, Esq.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mayor Rink noted that Council was provided with copies of the printed Minutes February 12, 2008, council meeting and asked if there were any corrections. On a Motion by Klaus and Vincent the minutes of the February 12, 2008, council meeting were approved as submitted with all members of Council present in favor.

**MOTION IS CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The Borough Clerk read a summary of the February 2008, monthly report as submitted by the Police Department, Fire Department, Ambulance/EMS Alliance and the Recycling Report. On a Motion by Popiolek and Cowling all monthly committee reports submitted for February 2008 were approved to be received and filed with all members of Council present in favor.

**MOTION IS CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Borough Clerk read the following Ordinances for second reading, public hearing and adoption:

**ORDINANCE NO. 903, ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED TENURE TO MICHAEL J. CIOCCO, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.6.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 904, ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DELETING CHAPTER 13, ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION, FROM THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 905, ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF**

**\$616,400 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 \$444,179, MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

On a Motion by Dinella and Bergeron the second reading of the Ordinances was approved with the following poll vote:

Klaus	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Dinella	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Vincent	- yes	Cowling	- yes

On a Motion by Klaus and Bergeron the public hearing on the Ordinances was opened.

Seeing no comments from the public, on a Motion by Klaus and Dinella the public hearing on the above on the Ordinance was closed.

On a Motion by Bergeron and Cowling, the adoption of the Ordinance was approved with the following poll vote:

Klaus	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Dinella	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Vincent	- yes	Cowling	- yes

### **MOTION IS CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS: ORDINANCES:** Ordinances for introduction and first reading: The Borough Clerk stated that the following ordinances are for introduction on first reading:

**ORDINANCE NO. 906, ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 120, VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC, IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 907, ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 128, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON.**

On a Motion by Klaus and Popiolek the above Ordinances were approved on introduction and first reading with the following poll vote:

Klaus	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Dinella	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Vincent	- yes	Cowling	- yes

### **MOTION IS CARRIED**

Mayor Rink announced that the ordinances will be considered for adoption at a public hearing to be held at our March council meeting which will be Tuesday, April 8.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-2008-36: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING RETIREMENT OF THE CLUB LICENSE PREVIOUSLY HELD BY VFW POST 7247.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-2008-37: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE SELECTION OF VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-2008-38: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING THE FAILURE OF THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED STATE BUDGET FOR THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR TO TREAT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AS OUR TOP PRIORITY.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-2008-39: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, TO ADOPT THE 3 YEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-2008-40: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, FOR CHANGE ORDER No. 2, CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE STONEYBROOK DEVELOPMENT.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-2008-41: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, CHANGE ORDER NO. 3, CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE STONEYBROOK DEVELOPMENT.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-2008-42: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, CURB RAMPS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-2008-43: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, CHANGE ORDER NO. 3, STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS TO CLEMENTS BRIDGE ROAD.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-2008-44: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING APPROVAL OF SANITARY SEWER CONNECTIONS.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-2008-45: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING APPROVAL OF STORM SEWER CONNECTIONS.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-2008-46: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX PAYMENT.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-2008-47: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, TO CANCEL SPENDING AUTHORIZATION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-2008-48: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, ALLOWING BEER GARDEN ON BARRINGTON DAY.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-2008-49: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, RECINDING ORDINANCE NO. 902.**

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

Klaus	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Dinella	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Vincent	- yes	Cowling	- yes

**MOTION IS CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Appointments to Planning Board:

Dave Ehrman, Class IV member serving an unexpired term to expire December 31, 2008 and Tom Quackenbush, Class IV Alt., serving an unexpired term to expire December 31, 2009.

On a Motion by Klaus and Vincent the Motion was approved with all council members present in favor.

**MOTION IS CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** The Borough Clerk read the sum total of the bills to be paid this month is \$1,660,604.24

On a Motion by Dinella and Bergeron the bills were approved for payment with the following poll vote:

Klaus	- yes	Popiolek	- yes
Dinella	- yes	Bergeron	- yes
Vincent	- yes	Cowling	- yes

**MOTION IS CARRIED**

**PUBLIC PORTION:** On a motion by Bergeron and Popiolek the public portion of the meeting was opened.

RICK FIORELLE, 214 W. Gloucester Pike, not happy about loosing the Girls Softball Field to let his three dogs run during the next few months; he is responsible and so are most people with him; dogs are not destroying field. He heard dogs will be banned all year and that he, and others will have a problem with. He understands prohibition during softball season, but not other months. Mayor said that those not responsible have ruined it for those who do. He also advised that Craig Cowling, Recreation Director, will look into other areas for the dogs to run.

MIKE CIOCCO – Superintendent of Public Works, thanked council for their confidence in him by giving him tenure. Mayor said we appreciate the hard job he does for us.

Seeing no further comments from the public on a Motion by Popiolek and Klaus the public portion of the meeting was closed.

**MOTION IS CARRIED**

**COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY:**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT KLAUS** – welcomed back Chief Eisenhardt who had been out with health issues. He then congratulated Mike Ciocco saying that you do a great job. On March 4<sup>th</sup> the Green Committee met with PMK who did a fossil fuel footprint presentation. Although Mayors and Council from surrounding towns were invited to attend only one person from Haddon Heights attended, and he is no longer on council; Dr. Garcia, Superintendent of Barrington Public Schools also attended. Discussed Barrington's green future for energy conservation and co-op; hopefully we can get involved with the surrounding towns; as it was opened to other towns. The next green meeting will be April 1<sup>st</sup>. The A.B.L.E. Group is still collecting food and clothing for the Easter holiday; please drop off at Mayor's or Tax Office. PZC will meet March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Mayor's Office. The Mayor said good job on the Green Committee; advising that Council President Klaus and Ms. Shannon are doing a good job and everyone is very excited about it. Reminder was given about converting over to CFL bulbs; forms are available and also can be completed online at [www.energystar.com](http://www.energystar.com). Please sign up and help us reach our goal of 200 pledges. Thanks Mayor.

**COUNCILWOMAN BERGERON** – has been going to the School Board meetings and we are working with them to help understand their budgeting process. She thanked Borough CFO Denise Moules for her help through this process. Their Business Administrator is new and he did comment publicly how much she has done to help. Mayor Rink, Councilman Dinella, Chief Eisenhardt and the Councilwoman were at Avon School for Read Across America Day and they had a great day reading Dr. Seuss books to the kids. Mayor Rink added that they had a good time reading and the kids seemed to really enjoy it; it is nice to see participation from employees. Mayor did promise that a picture would be in the next communiqué of him and some of the kids. The Councilwoman also added that she will have a meeting with Dr. Garcia to go over Government Day which will be held at Woodland School in May. This is where we will have our May meeting; probably, but not confirmed, at 1:30 pm; details to follow. The Mayor thanked Councilwoman Bergeron for her work with the School Board as we are all here together for the town. One issue we are working on the Board with, which is affecting the budget, is the tuition we pay to Haddon Heights. The budget is up one million dollars, making it 41% or 42% of the budget for tuition to Heights. The Superintendent is looking in to appealing the decision as we want to see how the tuition per student is calculated. We are supporting her in that effort.

**COUNCILMAN COWLING** – will look into dog area and see what they can do. Mr. Fiorelli said that perhaps one of the businesses in town would donate some property.

**COUNCILMAN POPIOLEK** – congrats to Mike Ciocco; you lead a difficult dept and have very good guys behind you. We wish you success. To Mr. Fiorelli, it is frustrating but we will do our best to see what we can do to reach a compromise. He thanked the residents for their patience on the streetscape project; we are probably about 99% complete. With the past storm with rain and winds he understands that stormwater overflow is “none” and it means that our residents are complying with disconnecting sump pumps from sanitary sewer, he appreciates that; it will only make us a better town. Think spring; thanks Mayor.

**COUNCILMAN VINCENT** – happy to see Chief Eisenhardt back. Tomorrow Officer Hawkins and his dog will start drug training and we are very happy about that. He thanked Mayor, Council President Klaus, Councilman Dinella, Planning Board secretary Pat Farinella and Planning Board President Ken Willson for attending the meeting in Magnolia to protest the Magnolia development and our solicitor and engineer for their help. The next meeting in Magnolia will be held on March 19. Mayor advised that we passed a resolution last month that we will take any means necessary to stop the development. Magnolia is in the process of developing a 60 unit age restricted development whose only access would be on Davis Road into Barrington. We presented a plan where Magnolia could build an access in Magnolia. Some Magnolia residents do not want the traffic on their roads; as ours do not. Magnolia needs to take their neighbors into consideration and they are not; all detriment would be to Barrington; none to Magnolia. The Councilman added that some Runnemede residents are also not pleased either.

**COUNCILMAN DINELLA** – said that Magnolia Development will put a strain on our Police and Fire departments; we are already going to be stretched to the limit since the Governor’s budget came down. Thanks to the Department Heads for cooperation on budget that is extremely difficult this year and the school board with their open dialogue. We pledge to do our best to maintain the level of services we have now; hopefully the governor will change his mind on state aid. The Economic Development Committee has asked the Councilman to meet with three new businesses in town. He received good feedback from them; they are very pleased with the parking areas and new streetscape.

**MAYOR RINK** – advised that regarding Ordinance 905, this is for repaving of Austin Ave; Moore to Thomas and also Second Ave to Austin Ave. As advised in our most recent Communique, the Borough is now going single stream on recycling pick-up. It will speed up the process and encourage more recycling. Recycling is good for the environment and our budget. Single stream means you can mix your paper, glass, cardboard and newspapers all in one container. Only one stop will be made in town. Veggie waste begins in April on Monday’s. As Councilman Dinella mentioned the Governors budget, we presented Resolution 38, against the Governor’s Budget. With the Governors budget, it states that towns with 5,000 to 10,000 people will have state aid cut by half; towns below 5,000 will loose all their state aid in one felled swoop. The realization is that we are proposed to loose \$350,000 in state aid. This translates to approximately 23 cents or \$250 per average taxpayer. Obviously we and the department heads have been working very hard since last year. With the budget nearly complete this was dropped on us by the state. As with all the towns around us this kind of impact is tremendous. Unfortunately, tough decisions are ahead of us in order to try to maintain services, but obviously, that kind of a hit can’t be passed on to the taxpayers, we will make cuts where necessary. We ask that you contact the Governor’s office and Legislatures to let them know how this will impact you and our town. Maybe the Governor doesn’t understand, not ever having been involved in local government, how this can alter all the towns; 321 are affected by this. We have been operating on a very lean budget. Last month we entered into three (3) shared services agreements; we are for that; anywhere we can save money and improve efficiency we are there. It seems that the governor thinks that by eliminating aid it will force us to move forward; possibly merging towns sometime down the road, but not in one weeks notice, it is unrealistic; it should be done gradually. Some local Legislators are against eliminating state aid all at once; please

reach out to them and let them know the impact on our town. We will maintain what we can; operate efficiently and continue to do the great things we do. Contact information for state officials will be on the website or available in the Tax Office. Unfortunately you may hear about layoffs and cut services in all the towns and we will do our best to do what we can. Have a nice holiday. Have a nice Easter and a happy spring.

On a motion by Popiolek and Cowling the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

ATTEST:

Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk