

BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE
Mayor & Borough Council Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2021

Mayor Mary Jane Canose called this meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. remotely via Zoom. Present were Council Members Jeff Hammond, Matthew Marino, Jena McCredie, and Chad McQueen. Also present were John Pidgeon, Borough Attorney, Tom Czerniecki, Administrator, and Anthony Suriano, Borough Clerk. Council Members John Donahue and Christine Zamarra were absent.

STATEMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICER

Notice of this meeting was provided to the Bernardsville News, Courier News and the Star Ledger, filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board on August 12, 2021 and revised August 16, 2021 at 10:30am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESOLUTIONS

Chief Valentine said we have been interviewing applicants for two patrolmen in the Police Department. He said we received approximately 28 applications which is well below what we would normally receive after we advertised publicly for over a month. We proceeded with the applicants that we received and narrowed it down to six candidates at the Public Safety Committee interviews last week. Mr. Hammond moved to adopt **Resolution #21-169, AUTHORIZING CONDITIONAL OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR TWO NEW PATROLMAN**. Mr. Marino seconded and the motion was approved by the following roll call vote. Mr. Hammond, Mr. Marino, Ms. McCredie, and Mr. McQueen voted yes.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Request From Heartworks for a Banner, Mr. Czerniecki said Heartworks is not going to be hanging a banner, but would like to be allowed to post a few lawn signs and maybe a sandwich board sign, making sure there's no sight distance issues, at the Fire Department or the Municipal Building to advertise a 9/11 event in Bedminster on September 10th. It was noted the request for permission is necessary as this event is not taking place in Bernardsville but Heartworks services our town and our residents. Council consent was given to allow Heartworks to post signs as noted above.

OPEN SESSION

Mayor Canose opened the meeting to the public.

Andi Williams, Executive Director of Community In Crisis, asked permission to tie purple ribbons around town in Bernardsville on trees and lampposts from August 31st, which is National Overdose Awareness Day, through to September 30th as September is designated as the month of recovery. She said purple is the color of recovery and it's part of an initiative that they launched last year called Turn New Jersey Purple. She said it raises awareness about the dangers of overdose, honors those lost to overdose, and also celebrates those in recovery during the month of September. She said they have numerous partners already on board with this from the Basking Ridge and Bernardsville area including churches and some bricks and mortar locations. They engage volunteers like Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to tie the ribbons around town and they are very diligent about bringing them down on the date that they indicated. Council consent was given to Community In Crisis for their Turn New Jersey Purple program.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Canose closed the open session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.
