

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

CAUCUS AGENDA, Tuesday, February 2, 2021, 6:00pm, meeting to be held via Zoom

•MEETING CALL TO ORDER/SUNSHINE NOTICE/FLAG SALUTE Mayor Harris

•ROLL CALL: Beach_____ Cerrito_____ Drumm _____
Hanson_____ Ludwig _____ Robenolt _____

♦MOTION TO OPEN
1st PUBLIC PORTION _____

MOTION TO CLOSE
PUBLIC PORTION _____

Public--state name and address for the record. Public comment is limited to five minutes per person.

•DISCUSSION ITEMS

Engineer:

- ♦Action items--
 - Adopt the NJDEP Stormwater Rules Ordinance Revisions
 - ♦Review of Engineer's Report
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Administration:

- ♦Request for support letter regarding proposed solar project at Barrington Business Center (representatives will be attending via Zoom). They forwarded the support letter they are seeking to the Mayor and it is attached for your review.
- ♦Update on codification—our current code will be hosted on the General Code website with a link on our website sometime in March. They will be ready to present the manuscript for potential revisions and updates sometime in May.
- ♦Letter of support for B Cooper Tavern—Mayor Harris received the attached letter from the Camden County Mayor's Association and would like to discuss submitting a support letter for this historical project.

Council Agenda Review:

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

Ord. 1131, Amending Article IX of Chapter 104, Stormwater Management

Ord. 1132, Amending Chapter 95, Property Maintenance (fees for CO inspections on resales)

Resolutions:

February bill list

Finance: Review of CFO's monthly report; 2021 Budget schedule

●COUNCIL REPORTS

●MOTION TO OPEN
2nd PUBLIC PORTION _____

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●ACTION ITEM—Resolution for approval

Res. 2-2021-28 Authorizing a Closed Session to Discuss Contractual, Personnel and/or
Attorney-Client Privileged Matters

Motion to approve: _____

Poll vote: _____

●MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: _____ All in favor: _____

Time: _____

●MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: _____ All in favor: _____

Time: _____

●MOTION TO ADJOURN: _____ All in favor: _____ Time: _____

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February 3, 2021

Honorable Mayor Francisco “Frank” Moran
Honorable Curtis Jennings, President, City Council
Honorable Members of the City Council
Dr. Edward Williams, Director of Planning & Development
Johanna Conyers, Acting Director of Finance
520 Market Street, City Hall
P.O. Box 95120
Camden, NJ 08101-5120

Re: Support for Camden County Historical Society’s grant application for the
Benjamin Cooper Tavern as American Revolution Museum of Southern New Jersey

Dear Public Official,

The *(insert name of organization)* strongly supports the Camden County Historical Society’s grant application to restore the Benjamin Cooper Tavern and transform it into the American Revolution Museum of Southern New Jersey in time for America’s 250th in 2026. The Historical Society is requesting \$190,000 from the City Community Development Block Grant Program which would be matched by a New Jersey Historic Trust grant to enclose and stabilize this endangered historic building.

This national treasure was built in 1734 by the grandson of William Cooper, the founder of what is now Camden and friend of William Penn. Benjamin Cooper was imprisoned by the British in Haddonfield while they occupied his tavern in 1777-78 to protect their foraging operations and for the later evacuation of 21,000 troops from Philadelphia in route to the Battle of Monmouth and New York City. The tavern is listed by the New Jersey Preservation Alliance as one of the most important endangered buildings in the state.

The new museum will focus on important stories about battles in South Jersey that have been overshadowed by the events in Greater Philadelphia and North Jersey during the American revolution including the Battle of Gloucester, the Battle of Quinton’s Bridge in Salem County, the Battle of Red Bank in Gloucester County, the privateers of Little Egg Harbor and Cape May, and the battles at Cooper’s Ferry in Camden. The museum will be an economic engine to draw heritage tourism visitors from Philadelphia leading up to and after America’s 250th on July 4, 2026 and guide them to other attractions throughout New Jersey.

Thank you for consideration and we look forward to hearing of your support for this important project.

Borough of Barrington Letterhead

January XX, 2020

229 Trenton Ave,
Barrington, NJ
08007

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue, 7th Floor
Post Office Box 350
Trenton, New Jersey
08625-0350
Attn: Office of Clean Energy
Community Solar Energy Pilot Program Application Package

Re: Community Solar Project at 1 Commerce Drive, Barrington, NJ.

Dear Members of the Board and Staff,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Community Solar Project that Amp Solar ("Amp") has proposed at 1 Commerce Drive, Barrington, New Jersey

Amp presented the project concept to us on January, 2020. Amp explained that since New Jersey began its nation-leading solar energy program more than 15 years ago, some residents have been prevented from enjoying the benefits of solar energy due to a range of limitations. For example, some residents live in multi-family buildings with insufficient roof-space to erect solar panels to power all dwellings within the building. Some residents are renters with leases. Others have financial limitations that preclude them from making the large up-front investment to install solar. Meanwhile, some residents live in homes that are shaded by trees making their homes unsuitable for solar power.

Amp explained that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities is conducting a Community Solar Pilot Program whereby these under-served residents can realize the benefits of solar by procuring solar energy that is produced at a site that is geographically different from where they live.

Amp proposes to use the rooftop of the warehouse at 1 Commerce Drive to produce solar energy which that will then be distributed to certain residents of Barrington along with those living in other towns in Camden County and adjacent counties through the existing electrical grid. We understand that at least 51% of the solar energy will be distributed to residents classified as having Low and Moderate Incomes (LMI). Moreover, for those residents that elect to purchase energy produced by the solar system, we understand that and that this energy will be sold them at rates 10% - 20% lower than those prevailing from PSE&G.

Finally, Amp explained that they intend to provide job training in solar installation to disadvantaged residents of Camden County and that the top graduates of this training program will be offered employment in the installation of the solar system in Barrington.

The Borough of Barrington strongly supports this project for a variety of reasons:

- The project will allow residents of Camden County's abundant multi-family building stock to realize financial savings from solar power.
- The project's focus on LMI residents will enhance climate equity and environmental justice.
- Construction of the project will provide job training and create local jobs.
- The operation of the project will reduce air pollution. In fact, it is estimated that this project will produce enough clean energy to power 800 houses or 1600 small apartment units.
- The project is situated on a commercial rooftop with no alternative use. The project does not disturb green space or land that could otherwise have a higher and better use to the people of Barrington.
- The project is situated in the White Horse Pike Redevelopment Area
- The project will help to make Barrington a leader in the fight against climate change.

I sincerely hope that the Board of Public Utilities approves this project.

Regards,

Signatory