

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON**  
**MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 13, 2024, 6:00PM**  
**COUNCIL ROOM AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular monthly Council Meeting of the Borough of Barrington was held with Mayor Hanson presiding.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order with 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 is also posted in the main office of the Borough Clerk where notices are primarily kept. He then led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The Municipal Clerk called roll of Council with the following in attendance: Council President Beach, Councilman Cerrito, Councilwoman Mercado-Miller and Councilman Robenolt. Councilman Drumm and Ludwig were excused with prior notice. Mayor Hanson, Municipal Clerk Terry Shannon, and Solicitor Timothy Higgins were also on the dais.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Hanson advised that the following proclamations will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Mayors Office. Black History Month; American Heart Health Month; Random Acts of Kindness Day; National Cancer Prevention Month; Read Across America Week

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Hanson reported that Council was provided with the minutes of the January 6, 2024, Reorganization, January 9, 2024, caucus, and council meetings and asked if there were any corrections or abstentions. On a motion by Robenolt, second by Beach, the minutes were approved with all in favor.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

On a motion by Councilman Cerrito, second by Councilwoman Mercado-Miller, the public portion of the meeting was opened.

2024 Barrington Black Hawks baseball team was in attendance to thank Mayor & Council for their support to get boys started with uniforms and equipment. Coach Patrick Knox introduced all of the players and presented Mayor Hanson with a Barrington Black Hawks t-shirt with the number 25 since you are the 25<sup>th</sup> Mayor of Barrington. Coach Knox talked about the kids and their drive to become better baseball players and he also recognized the parents and coaches for their support. He spoke about the upcoming tournaments. Mayor Hanson thanked them and said we are excited to have a travel team in town and look forward to the tournament.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Hanson advised that the monthly departmental reports were distributed to the governing body, are posted outside of council chambers, and also posted on the borough website. If there are no questions on the reports, I will entertain a motion to accept monthly reports. On a motion by Robenolt, second by Cerrito, the monthly departmental reports were approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Cerrito-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, Robenolt-yes.

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING**

The Clerk read the following ordinances by title:

Ord. 1178      Ordinance of the Borough of Barrington, Amending Article II, Residential

Districts, in Chapter 128, Zoning, in the Borough Code

Ord. 1179 Fixing the 2024 Compensation of Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough of Barrington

Ord. 1180 Ordinance Amending Chapter 58, Fees, in the Borough Code

On a motion by Beach, second by Cerrito the ordinances were approved on first reading with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Cerrito-yes, Robenolt-yes. Councilwoman Mercado-Miller abstained.

These ordinances will be considered for adoption following proper notice and a public hearing to be held during the March 12, 2024, council meeting.

### **RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA**

The Clerk read the following resolutions to be approved by consent agenda:

- 2-2024-24 Authorizing Submission and Execution of a Local Recreation Improvement Grant Application for Lost World Park Playground Rehabilitation
- 2-2024-25 Authorizing Emergency Repairs to the Fourth Avenue Pump Station
- 2-2024-26 Rejecting the Bids Received for the Fourth Ave Pump Station Improvements
- 2-2024-27 Authorizing Revisions to the Personnel Policy Manual and Adoption of the Youth Protection Policy
- 2-2024-28 Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with Runnemedede for Purchase of Brine
- 2-2024-29 Authorizing Shared Service Agreement with Tavistock for Office Services
- 2-2024-30 Referring Ordinance 1178 to the Planning Board for Consideration
- 2-2024-31 Authorizing Submission of a Sustainable Jersey Grant Application
- 2-2024-32 Authorizing Application for Year 2024 CDBG Funding (senior ctr improvements)
- 2-2024-33 Authorizing Application for Year 2024 CDBG Funding (senior programs)
- 2-2024-34 Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application for Drug Alliance Funding
- 2-2024-35 Authorizing Listing & Marketing Agreement with Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus
- 2-2024-36 Adding Tax Exemptions for a Veterans Deduction
- 2-2024-37 Approving the February Bill list in the Total of: \$5,449,735.92

On a motion by Mercado-Miller, second by Beach, the resolution consent agenda was approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Cerrito-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, Robenolt-yes.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

Mayor Hanson advised that if you have comments or questions, please come forward and state your name for the record. Public comment is limited to five minutes per person. On a motion by Robenolt, second by Mercado-Miller, the public portion of the meeting was opened.

Diane Schreyer – Happy Valentine’s Day to board members and entire community. It will be a good year.

Brittany Beyer – The Barrington Green Team is working with the Somerdale and Runnemedede Green Teams on an Environmental Speaker Series. The first one is on February 20 and it will be

a speaker from the Pinelands Preservation Alliance. There are three more coming and they will be held at St. Maria Goretti Hall in Runnemede. Mayor Hanson advised that the Green Team has their own Facebook page so please follow them for updates on all their events.

Seeing no comments from the public, on a motion by Cerrito, second by Robenolt, the public portion of the meeting was closed;

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

COUNCILMAN CERRITO – thanks all for attending tonight. We have a Green Team meeting following tonight's council meeting; he thanked the Green Team for all the work they have been doing. He also thanked all the departments and personnel for their work and advised he is looking forward to the new year. Hopefully, we are getting closer to nicer weather.

COUNCILMAN ROBENOLT – nothing tonight

COUNCILWOMAN MERCADO-MILLER – happy Black History month; I hope you are digging into some literature. She thanked council and the Mayor along with all the support staff for all the questions they help answer for me and I hope you are all checking in on each other and your neighbors during these colder months.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BEACH – thanked DPW for the storm work they did today and all the work they do every day. Please tell your staff they are appreciated.

MAYOR HANSON – reminded all to follow us on Facebook and download the new Barrington Borough app, which is where information will be posted. Lots of new stuff is coming up in the next month or two.

Seeing no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Beach, second by Cerrito, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm.

APPROVED: *Terry Shannon*  
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk