

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025, 6:00PM, MAYOR/COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order in council chambers at 6:00pm with the Sunshine Statement and led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Borough Clerk called the roll of council, and the following were present: Council President Beach, Councilman Cerrito, Councilman Drumm, Councilman Beyer, Councilwoman Mercado-Miller and Councilman Robenolt. Also present were Secretary Eileen Holcombe, Solicitor Tim Higgins, Engineer Greg Evans, CFO Denise Moules and Clerk Terry Shannon.

Engineer's report

Greg Evans reported we will have a resolution FOR AMENDING THE Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for the council agenda. Evans then reviewed the monthly engineer's report and he provided updates on the following:

- We held the pre-con meeting for the Lost World Park improvements. DPW will perform the demolition and then the contractor will commence with installation of the new playground equipment in March when weather permits. The park is now closed. We will provide a PDF of the plans for the website.
- Improvements to Second Avenue and Bell Avenue—we will be putting that out to bid this spring.
- Runnemede Sewer project—we submitted the apron plans for the aprons that will be replaced during that project to their engineer. We had the pre-con meeting for the portion of the project we are doing and that will be commencing this spring as well. Clerk Shannon said we already received the shared service agreement for the homes that will be connecting to Runnemede's sewer but none have connected yet. Evans said he and Mike Ciocco are working on that and after the connections have been done, we will provide that information so the agreement can be finalized. The residents have two years to connect.
- Fourth Avenue pump station project—materials have been delivered to the site and as soon as we have a commencement date, we will let you know so it can be posted.
- CDBG Year 25—we submitted applications for ADA work at the municipal building and the senior program.

Public Portion

On a motion by Councilman Drumm, second by Councilman Beyer, the first public portion was opened.

Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Councilman Drumm, second by Councilman Cerrito, the first public portion was closed.

Administration

Clerk Shannon reported on the following:

Resolution for liquor license transfer—DELCO applied to transfer the former Chuck Lager license from WRG Corporation to Barrington Restaurant LLC and to make the license inactive. The police completed the background investigation and approved the transfer so the resolution to approve the transfer and deactivate the license will be on the council agenda.

Ordinance for smoke and CO detectors—the state is no longer requiring fire extinguishers on residential property sales or rental turnovers per statute so it is up to individual towns to adopt such ordinances. Common sense dictates that all homes and rental properties should have smoke/CO detectors installed in all bedrooms and a fire extinguisher so Fire Marshal Arpino is asking that we adopt an ordinance for this purpose. Tim prepared the ordinance for introduction which is attached.

Council agenda review

Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

- Ord. 1202 2025 Salary Ordinance for Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough
- Ord. 1203 Adding Chapter 337, Off Road Vehicles, to the Borough Code
- Ord. 1204 Rescinding PILOT Extension for Barrington Mews
- Ord. 1205 Ordinance to Amend Fees for Summer Recreation Program
- Ord. 1206 Calendar Year 2025 Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (NJSA 40A:4-45.14)

Ordinances for introduction on first reading:

- Ord. 1207 Amending Chapter 172, Fire Prevention, in the Code of the Borough of Barrington

Resolutions for approval by consent agenda: *preliminary—more may be added*

- Resolution to amend the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
- Resolution approving a Person-to-Person liquor license transfer
- EEOC resolution
- Resolution to approve March bill list

Finance

CFO Moules presented the monthly reports showing account balances for the temporary budget. I am getting everything ready for introduction of the budget at the April council meeting. Budget review meetings are scheduled for March 19. The attached budget information pertains to the temporary budget and some lines show as negative but that is because it is a temporary budget. Also, if Merchantville approves the shared service agreements, we will have a resolution to renew those agreements as well.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Beach reported our trash contractor had requested a meeting with us to discuss possibly changing our collection day but that has been postponed. They have new contracts that have altered their schedule so they will wait to see how it goes.

Councilwoman Mercado-Miller said we are holding a Board of Health meeting on the 20th and it will include a nutrition presentation by the Shop Rite registered dietician. Mayor and I met with current Mews owner on the 17th and it was a thorough discussion. We did discuss communication issues and hopefully that will improve moving forward. We are going forward in good faith and hope to get more information that can be shared with the residents.

Councilman Robenolt reported Earth Day is coming up and we will be meeting with the Green Team and will have more information for next week.

Councilman Cerrito said good job to Jim Arpino on the smoke detector/fire extinguisher ordinance.

Mayor Hanson reported dates for all events are on the website and Facebook. Town Wide Yard Sale is April 26, Summer Rec dates are also posted online. We are expecting rain and wind tomorrow so we will be posting a notice to hold recycling until Thursday morning if possible so it does not blow all over.

Seeing no additional business to be discussed, on a motion by Councilman Drumm, second by Councilwoman Mercado-Miller, the meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.

Approved: Terry Shannon
Terry Shannon, Clerk/RMC