

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON  
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 13, 2025, 6:00PM  
SECOND FLOOR OF 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.

**ROLL CALL**

The Deputy Municipal Clerk called roll of Council with the following in attendance: Council President Beach, Councilman Beyer, Councilman Drumm, Councilwoman Mercado-Miller, and Councilman Robenolt. Councilman Cerrito has not arrived yet. Mayor Hanson, Deputy Municipal Clerk Denise Moules, and Solicitor Timothy Higgins were also on the dais.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Hanson announced that the following proclamations are being issued and will be posted on the bulletin board in borough hall: Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; National Women's Health Week; Jewish American Heritage Month; National Foster Care Month; National Wildfire Awareness Month; National Public Works Week; National Military Appreciation; Brain Cancer Awareness Month; Older Americans Month; EMS Week; Mental Health Awareness Month

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Hanson reported that council was provided with the minutes of April 1, 2025, caucus, and April 8, 2025, council meetings and asked if there were any corrections or abstentions. On a motion by Beyer, second by Drumm, the minutes were approved with all members present in favor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Hanson reported that the monthly departmental reports were distributed to the governing body, and are posted outside of council chambers, and 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 Drumm, second by Beach, the monthly departmental reports were accepted with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, Robenolt-yes.

**ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION BY CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Ord. 1208 Amending Chapter 145, Construction Codes, Uniform, in the Borough Code

On a motion by Robenolt, second by Drumm, the ordinances were approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, Robenolt-yes.

On a motion by Beach, second by Mercado-Miller, the public hearing on the ordinances was opened.

Seeing no comments from the public, on a motion by Robenolt, second by Beyer, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Drumm, second by Beyer, the ordinances were adopted with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Drumm–yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, Robenolt-yes.

### **RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 5-2025-49 Resolution Authorizing Self-Examination of the 2025 Municipal Budget
- 5-2025-50 Resolution Authorizing the 2025 Budget to be Read by Title at Public Hearing
- 5-2025-51 Awarding a Contract to Landberg Co. for the Second and Bell Aves Projects
- 5-2025-52 Approving a Shared Service Agreement with Bellmawr for Paving Services
- 5-2025-53 Authorizing Continued Participation with the Camden Co. Solid Waste Co-op
- 5-2025-54 Amending the Shared Service Agreement with Merchantville for Tax Coll. Svcs.
- 5-2025-55 Approving the May Bill List in the Amount of: \$6,038,106.36

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

### **RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OUTSIDE CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5-2025-56 Resolution Accepting the Proposal Received from Julie Goeltz for Purchase of the Property Located at 219 Clements Bridge Road

On a motion by Drumm, second by Beach, the resolution was approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Drumm–yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, Robenolt-yes

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Mayor Hanson advised to please state your name for the record. Public Comment is limited to five minutes per person. On a motion by Mercado-Miller, second by Beyer, the public portion for the municipal budget was opened.

Seeing no comments from the public, on a motion by Robenolt, second by Mercado-Miller, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

- 5-2025-57 Resolution to Adopt the 2025 Municipal Budget
- 5-2025-58 Resolution to Amend the 2025 Budget for Items of Revenue and Expense

On a motion by Beach, second by Drumm, the resolutions were approved with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Drumm–yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, Robenolt-yes

### **ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING**

- Ord. 1209 Capital Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements, by and in the Borough of Barrington, Camden County, NJ; Appropriating \$210,000 Therefor from the Capital Improvement Fund to Pay for the Cost Thereof

Ord. 1210      Bond Ordinance Providing for Various 2025 Road and Paving Improvements, by and in the Borough of Barrington, Camden County, NJ,; Appropriating \$390,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$370,500 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

On a motion by Drumm, second by Beyer, the ordinances were adopted with the following poll vote: Beach-yes, Beyer-yes, Drumm-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, Robenolt-yes

Mayor Hanson advised that these ordinances will be considered for adoption after proper notice and a public hearing to be held during the June 11, 2025, council meeting.

### **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 Beach, second by Drumm, the public portion of the meeting was opened.

Dawn Tilton - Barrington Mews resident's daughter. Several questions about Mews including open transparency, communication with the new owners, any communication, or proposals from new owners on transition, what is the current state of taxes on the mews property, are they paid to date? She then spoke about how much local affordable housing is for seniors in the surrounding towns and the raising of the minimum income amounts. The legal aid, thank you for that, but right now it is useless unless they are part of a giant lawsuit. Some residents are getting an automatic 1-year lease in their renewals, and they are being forced to sign. Ms. Tilton wants council to know what is going on with their constituents. Also, what about rental caps so there is protection for seniors? And what about the easement to the Mews to put up a sign, why help them when they don't help the residents. Mayor Hanson said we have not talked with the new owners yet. He spoke with Councilwoman Mercado last Friday and we will reach out to see if he will come meet with us with his and our attorney if he would like them present. The taxes for the property are paid up to date from the PILOT agreement, the new owner has not been billed for this year yet. Ms. Tilton wants to know if the deed is restricted to 100 senior and disabled residents, how will the borough enforce that? Mayor Hanson said we will discuss our options with our attorney as to how we will set that up.

Julie Goeltz – thank you for accepting my proposal and for your support of my purchase of the 219 Clements Bridge Road property.

Seeing no further comments from the public, on a motion by Drumm, second by Mercado-Miller, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

### **COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

COUNCILMAN BEYER – getting warmer and there are a ton of events coming up. It's a nice time to check on your neighbors and see how you can volunteer in town.

COUNCILMAN ROBENOLT – nothing to report

COUNCILMAN DRUMM – congrats to Julie on getting the property across the street, it is nice to have a resident bring their business to town, I wish you a lot of luck.

COUNCILWOMAN MERCADO-MILLER – it is mental health awareness month so be gracious to yourself and others. There is a wellness week in June from the borough and the Board of Health, please visit our website and Facebook for more information.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BEACH – congratulations Julie, it's great to have someone from town open business in town, we appreciate it and will support you any way we can. Congratulations and thank you to Public Works, it is Public Works Week, they do a lot of amazing things for us throughout the year that most people don't see or notice. Happy Memorial Day to all, be safe and remember that the speed limit is 25 mph throughout the town, please pay attention to all the kids throughout town and to the crosswalks and speed signs.

MAYOR HANSON – congratulated Mrs. Goeltz on her new venture, we are happy to have you in town. The Barrington on Track was mailed out today, the second page has an article and explanation on your municipal, county and school taxes. I encourage you all to read it, so you are informed on where your money is going. Upcoming events include Memorial Day outside at 9am and indoors if it rains. The Pride Kickoff Event is tentatively scheduled for June 5 with more announcements that will be on social media when all is finalized. The Civic Association Block Party will be held at Deere Field on June 7. The summer recreation program is open for registration; the links are on social media and the website. July 3 will be our parade and fireworks, if you would like to join the parade you are welcome to do so, watch for more information. Lost World Park opening is pushed back and we hope to have it by mid-June. Mayor Hanson once again thanked our CFO Denise Moules for her work on the budget and for pinch hitting tonight as our clerk.

Seeing no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Beyer, second by Drumm, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

APPROVED: Terry Shannon  
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk